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## First-Class Political Sensation In London

# MR. HORE-BELISHA RESIGNS



Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, whose resignation from the office of Secretary of State for War has provided London with a first-class political sensation.

LONDON, TO-DAY.

MR. HORE-BELISHA, THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR, PROVIDED LONDON WITH A FIRST-CLASS POLITICAL SENSATION LATE LAST NIGHT WHEN IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAD TENDERED HIS RESIGNATION TO MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN AND THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAD ACCEPTED IT.

At the same time it was disclosed that Lord MacMillan, the Minister of Information, had also resigned.

Mr. Oliver Stanley is going from the Board of Trade to the War Office, Sir John Reith, formerly Director-General of the B.B.C. and Chairman of Imperial Airways becomes Minister of Information, and the well-known Scottish industrial magnate, Sir Andrew Rae Duncan, succeeds Mr. Oliver Stanley as President of the Board of Trade.

## SHOOTING AT U.S. EMBASSY IN PEIPING

Peiping, To-day.

A uniformed Japanese, apparently intoxicated, last night climbed the wall of the quartermaster's compound of the American Embassy Guard and broke into the barracks, creating a disturbance.

When challenged by the guard he refused to halt and was shot in the stomach.

The wounded man received immediate medical aid and was handed over to the Japanese authorities.

The affair is being investigated. — Reuter.

## STALIN OPPOSED TO ALLIANCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE "YORKSHIRE POST" AND "LEEDS MERCURY" STATE THAT THE VIEW OF BRITISH DIPLOMATS IS THAT M. STALIN IS OPPOSED TO ANY MILITARY ALLIANCE WITH GERMANY.

Furthermore, he is determined to maintain the present trend of Soviet policy, irrespective of the Finnish campaign.

The paper added that under the German-Russian Pact, Germany is merely exerting moral pressure against Finland which she is trying to isolate.

"However, Germany undertook to take naval action if any attempt were made to land official bodies of foreign troops at Scandinavian ports." — Havas.

Announcement of the resignations came as a complete surprise. There had been no preliminary hints of possible changes, and no explanation is forthcoming.

It is known, however, by communications exchanged between Mr. Hore-Belisha and the Prime Minister that no difference on points of policy had arisen.

In the re-shuffling of the Cabinet made necessary by the changes, Mr. Hore-Belisha was offered a smaller post by the Prime Minister, but for reasons which he had given privately to Mr. Chamberlain, he was unable to accept it.

In his letter to the Prime Minister, Mr. Hore-Belisha says he will continue to do all in his power to contribute to the successful prosecution of the war. — Reuter.

Mr. Hore-Belisha has been Minister for War since 1937, prior to which he was Minister of Transport for three years.

In both appointments, he won a reputation as a hard-working and enterprising organiser.

Mr. Oliver Stanley, who becomes Secretary of State for War, is a son of Lord Derby, who held the same post following Lord Kitchener in the last war. He has held a Government post since 1931 and has been a Minister since 1933.

Sir Andrew Rae Duncan is chairman of the Executive Committee of the Iron and Steel Federation and a Director of the Bank of England. At the outbreak of war, he was appointed Controller of Iron and Steel and held an important position in the Ministry of Supply.

## ANTI-I.R.A. BILL PASSES SENATE

Dublin, To-day.

The Senate yesterday passed the Offences Against the State Bill through all its stages.

Meanwhile, following a police round-up, 12 men were detained in Cork and 12 others in various parts of the county. — Reuter.

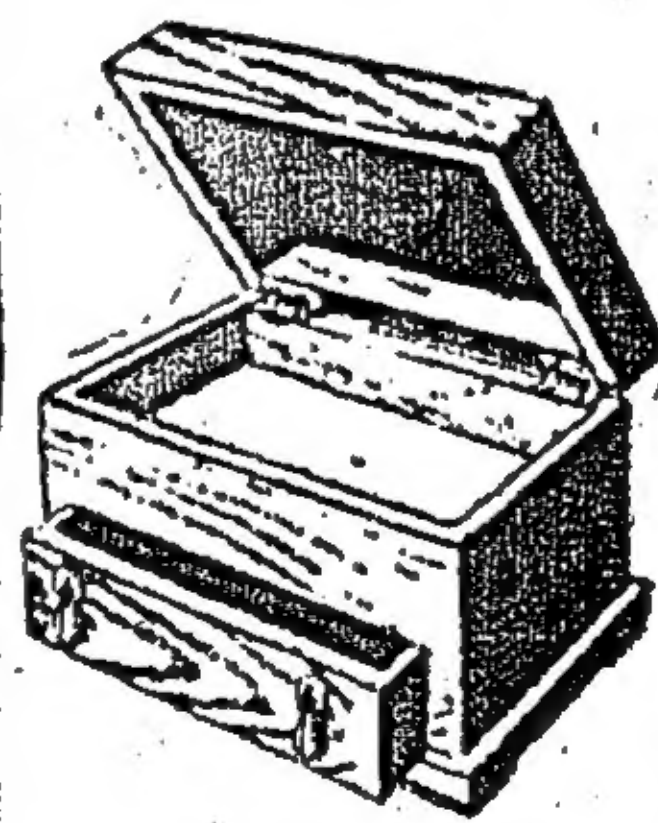
## BELGIAN PROTEST TO GERMANY

Brussels, To-day.

Belgium has again protested to Berlin against violation of her frontiers by Nazi planes.

The planes came over on Thursday at a great height and were met with anti-aircraft fire from the north-eastern border provinces of Limburg and Antwerp. — Reuter.

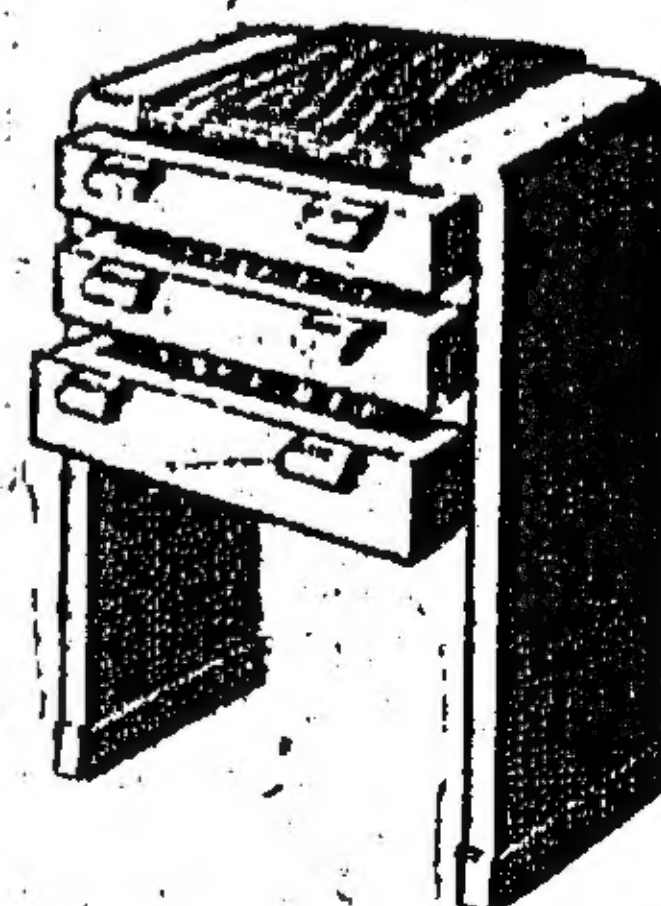
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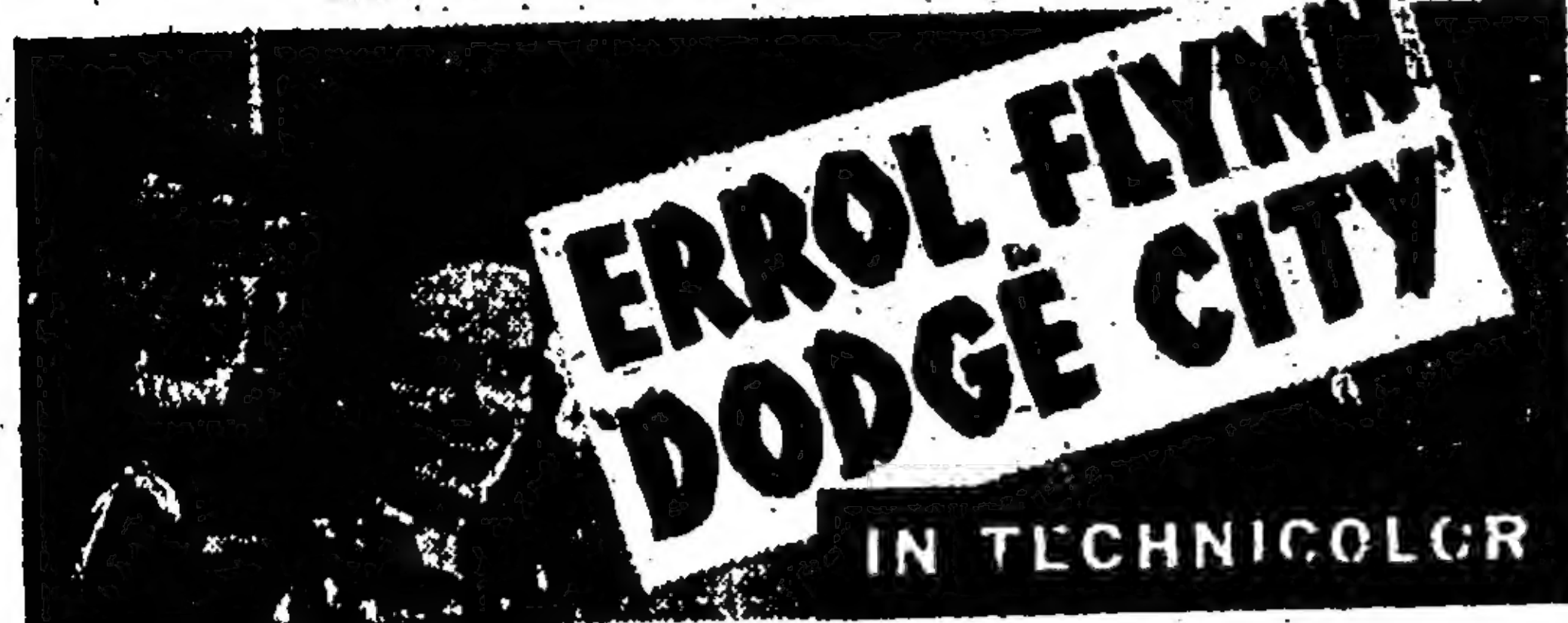


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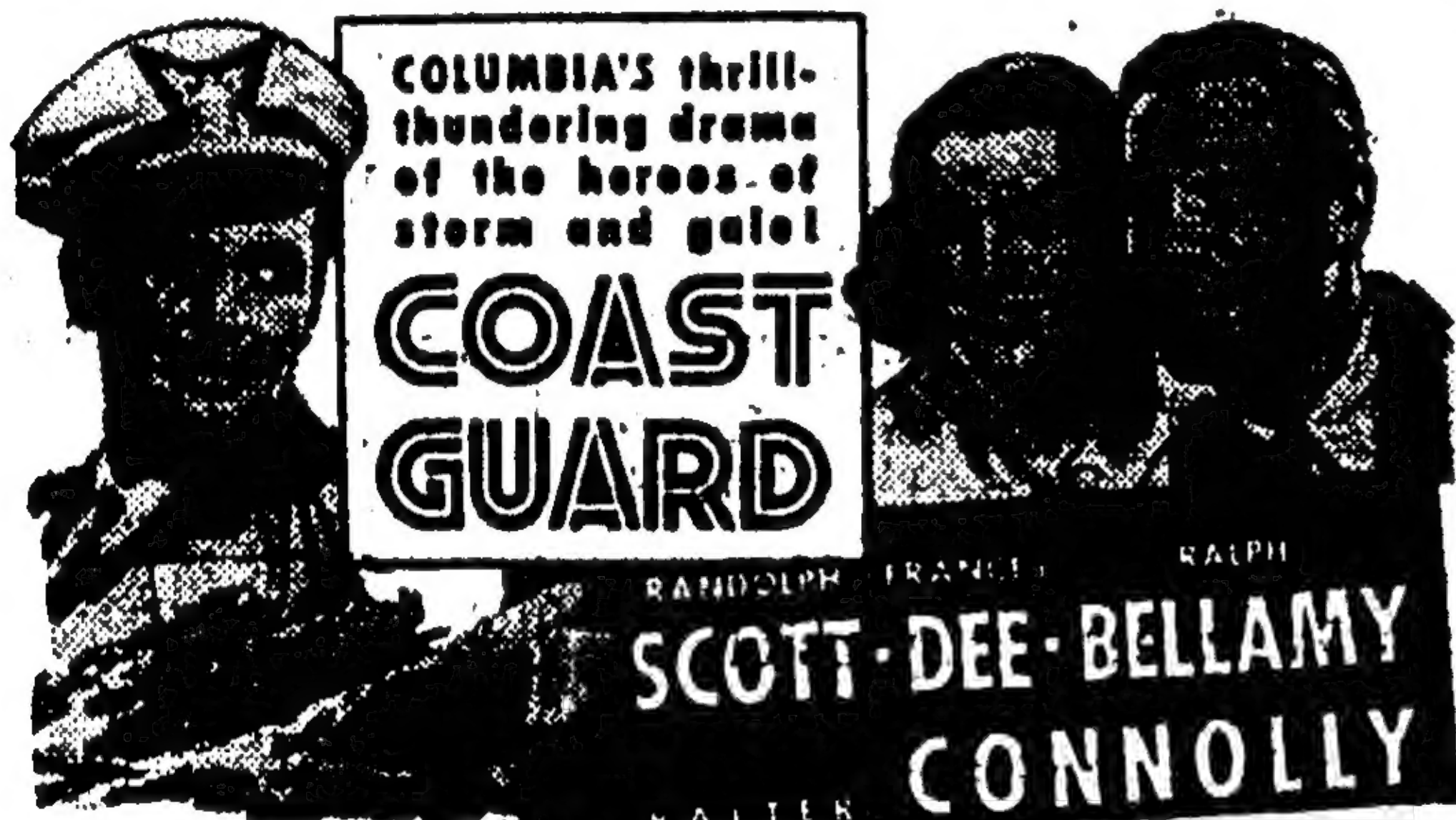
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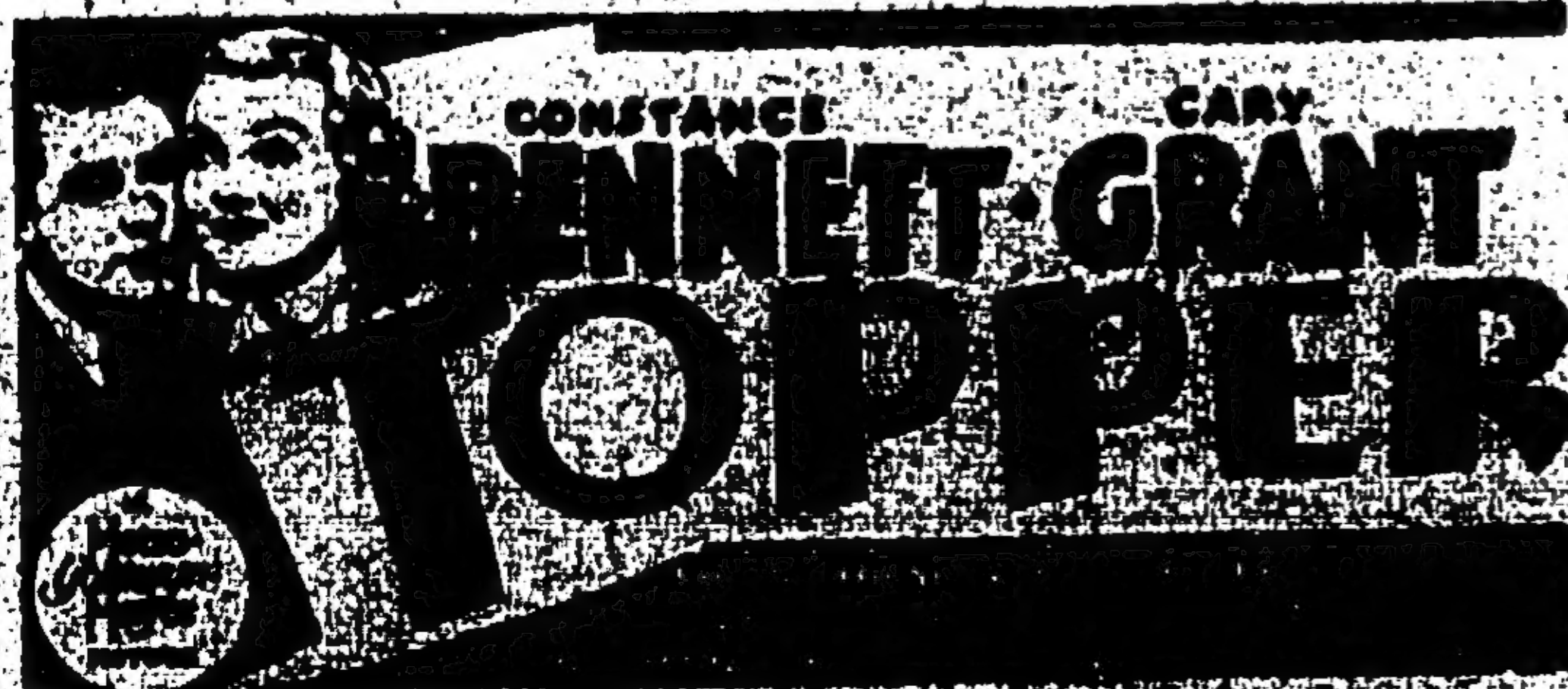
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## NAZIS MACHINE GUN REFUGEE GIRL

London, December 24.

I KEPT A BOARDING-SCHOOL for children near the Slovak frontier in Poland, writes a Polish teacher in a message to the "Sunday Chronicle." All through the summer the school was crowded.

As the rumours of War became more alarming, I sent all the children back to their homes, leaving us with only two who had no other home but the school.

I had been to Cracow and returned from there to the town nearest to my home at 2 a.m. on the morning of Sept. 1 by the last train that took civilians.

I knew that by hook or by crook I must get to my home, sixteen miles away.

There were no means of getting a conveyance, so I started on foot. After a few miles, a German armoured car overtook me in a village, but fired neither at me nor at the few people in the streets.

Further on, however, I met a road-man, who told me that the crew of the car had fired on him, leaving him for dead.

### SCHOOL ATTACKED

As another German machine-gun was shooting at all the peasants on the road, I went along by-paths among the rocks and trees and reached my house.

There M., the mistress who had been in charge of the school while I was away, told me her story.

She had been awakened at 5 a.m. by a loud explosion. A German aeroplane came over and dropped a bomb. Then a tank began to bombard the school.

Next day there was an air-raid, but luckily, no gas-bombs.

In Stvoic, M. and I and the children got a goods train to take us to Reissov, where we joined a train filled with refugees from Polish Silesia, mostly women and children.

### "A GRAND GAME"

Some days later we stopped just outside a station.

Seven aeroplanes came over very high up. I saw they were German: and we lay down at once in the carriage.

At that moment four bombs crashed quite near the train.

M. and I took the children to a haystack.

In the intervals of bombing, the planes swooped low and machine-gunned all they could see. It gave us the impression that the airmen—they looked mere boys of 16 or

## KNOCK-OUT HELEN

New York, Dec. 23.

Uproar from the New York apartment occupied by thirty-year-old Helen McCourt and her husband led apprehensive neighbours last week to investigate the cause of the row.

Neighbours found John unconscious, both eyes blackened, blood trickling from nose and ears.

John, rushed to hospital, was found in addition to superficial injuries to have a fractured skull. It fell to the lot of Detective John Meenan to find out about it all from Helen.

"What did you hit your husband with?" queried Meenan of the 5 ft. 7 in. 15-stone Amazon.

### BURST INTO TEARS

"I only hit him with my fist," replied Helen. "I've got a wallop like Jack Dempsey's."

Drama developed further when frantic physician phoned police to say that John McCourt had vanished from hospital, might possibly die of his injuries if not quickly traced.

As a result, hard-hitting Helen was held in custody on a charge of felonious assault.

Informed of her husband's disappearance, Helen, woman-like, burst into tears.

"He'd been beating me for a year, so I thought I'd beat him up for a change," she sobbed. "But I didn't mean to hurt him so."

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## THE MAN WHO BOASTED

GOERING GETS  
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NEW POST

London, To-day.

GENERAL HERMANN GOERING'S new appointment as the Nazi economic dictator occupied the forefront of British press comment yesterday.

The Nazi Government is worried by the problem of financing the war, says "The Times," and as difficulties multiply and hardships on the people increase, the blame is placed by one leader on another. Goering is to be made to decide between them.

POLISH AIR  
FORCE  
RE-FORMED

Paris, To-day.

If the German Spring offensive, mentioned by the British Ambassador to Washington, Lord Lothian, in a speech at Chicago, comes off, the French and British forces will have the help of the Polish Air Force, which has now been re-formed in France.

A French military mission will be attached to the Polish Army.—Reuter.

## IN THE "GAZETTE"

The following official appointments, etc. are gazetted:—

Miss J. M. Oram to be a Mistress (Kindergarten), Education Department.

Messrs. J. Whyatt and T. J. Gould to be Crown Counsel.

Mr. T. Black resumed duty as Accountant-General.

Dr. N. C. MacLeod to be a Deputy Registrar of Births and Deaths.

Dr. G. Graham-Cumming to be a Medical Officer.

Dr. N. C. MacLeod to be an Official Justice of the Peace.

It is fitting, "The Times" continues, that he who has so often boasted that Nazi Germany would not be much affected by the Allied blockade should now be charged with counter-acting its inroads on Germany's commercial and economic vitality.

The next two or three months will present special difficulties for Nazi exchange of goods with the Balkan states, which are now Berlin's best customers.

## OVERWORKED RAILWAYS

These goods—which include oil, timber, wood, copper, etc.—usually come through the North Sea, but now that that has been closed, all traffic must be carried on the already over-worked railway system of Central Europe. Goering, says "The Times," will tackle this with energy.

The "Manchester Guardian" warns its readers against under-estimating Germany's war economy, which, the paper says, is successful at making a little go a long way.

The German Government will have to turn the screw still tighter on the German people and no one is better fitted for the task than Goering.

German economy is not to be despised, says the "Manchester Guardian." It was built for war, while ours is not even entirely ready.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA'S GIFT  
TO FINLAND

Helsinki, To-day.

The latest help for Finland is a gift of £10,000 from Australia.—Reuter.

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# PEACE IN FAR EAST

## Possible To Arrange, Declares Viscount Kano

### SPLIT IN WANG RANKS RUMOURED

Shanghai, To-day.  
Reports were current last night that a split has occurred between Chen Kung-po, expelled Kuomintang Director of Publicity, and Wang Ching-wel.

Chen is said to be making preparations to leave or has already left Shanghai for Hong Kong. This, however, cannot be confirmed.—Our Own Correspondent.

### DRIVE AGAINST S.A. 'NAZIS'

JOHANNESBURG, TO-DAY.  
THE NEW YEAR HAS BROUGHT AN INTENSIFICATION OF POLICE ACTION AGAINST ENEMY SYMPATHISERS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND INVESTIGATIONS INTO THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE BEING EXTENDED TO THE MOST REMOTE AREAS.

Over 1,000 are now interned. Recent arrests include many Union nationals holding responsible positions.

Among the latter are the Lecturers in Afrikaans at the universities of Bloemfontein and Stellenbosch, a senior engineer of the State Railways and an Afrikaans announcer of the South African Broadcasting Corporation.—Reuter.

### THEIR HANDS TELL HER ALL

Most of the people in this world fall into five categories—fumbler, jitter-jacks, wisecrackers, gallants and more rarely, those who know what they want.

That's the summing-up of Roberta Ritchie, who sits in the box office of a huge cinema on Broadway, New York.

For seven years she has handed out tickets and given change at the rate of 1,000 an hour. In fact, she's given £1,000,000 in change.

Most people are just pairs of hands to her.

But there are the fumbler, mostly women. They make her

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## JAPAN'S ECONOMIC CLAIMS UPON CHINA SATISFIED

London, To-day.

THE BELIEF THAT IT will be possible to arrange a satisfactory peace in the Sino-Japanese dispute within a short time was expressed to Reuter yesterday by Viscount Kano, London manager of the Yokohama Specie Bank.

Viscount Kano said Japan had now reached a position where she could reasonably say her economic claims on China had been satisfied.

If economic readjustment was maintained there was no reason why the two countries should not resume friendly relations.

Japan had achieved the desired share of China's markets for the Japanese output of manufactured goods of all kinds, and access to raw materials produced by China had also been attained.

In regard to China's iron and steel requirements in particular it was not possible for Japan to produce all China wanted, and China must therefore continue to rely on Britain as well as Japan for these materials.

#### WAR SHOULD CEASE

It was in everyone's interests that the war in China should cease.

Asked whether some *modus operandi* had been found between Lancashire and the Japanese cotton goods industries, Viscount Kano replied that in his view the two industries were not competitive.

The type of goods which Lancashire produced was so much higher a quality than that furnished by the various Japanese export markets that he believed each interest would find itself complementary to the other.

Both British and Japanese cotton goods might find a market in China, the former among those classes with a higher standard of living, and the latter among the masses.

#### BRITISH' BLOCKADE

In conclusion, Viscount Kano paid an eloquent tribute to the working of the British Contraband Control and the enemy export seizure authorities.

He declared the treatment of Japanese trade had been entirely fair and had been much appreciated by Japanese commercial interests.

It was not the intention of the Japanese authorities to create any situation which might embarrass the Allied Controls.

Viscount Kano is leaving England for Japan on Sunday and expects to be back in London in April.—Reuter.

### GENERAL: 'IT'S NOT WAR OF MONTHS'

"This war is not going to be a war of a few months. We hope it may, but I do not believe it," Field-Marshal Lord Milne told a meeting of the British National Cadet Association in London.

"We are up against something that we have never been up against before in the history of the British Empire," he said.

"The cadets of to-day may be fighting for their country somewhere in the next few years, so we have got to gird up our loins."

He said that application had been made to the War Office to raise the age limit for cadets from eighteen to twenty to bridge the gap between the cadet movement and the minimum age for service.

### JAIL SCRIBE

New York, Dec. 23.

About 1950—if his sentence is commuted—or by 1982, anyway, Louis Ethelbert Whitsitt will emerge from Southern Michigan State Prison as yet another news-hawk at large.

Until then his news-gathering apprenticeship will be confined within the prison's bounds.

As a bright, brown-eyed lad of seventeen, Whitsitt, with a good schooling and job, seemed set in the right direction. Then, in 1933, he went dead wrong.

With his elder brother and two others he kidnapped and robbed a Detroit man, watched one of the gang shoot the victim and leave him dying in the gutter.

For that he got a life sentence. Three years ago good behaviour earned him a break. He was allowed to sell a story he had written of prison life, then persuaded prison officials to allow him to ghost crime stories for them. Last month he earned £30 that way.

But life began for lifer Whitsitt

### RATIONING IN ITALY

Rome, To-day.

Italy is soon to have food rationing, it was announced yesterday.

Ration cards for coffee will be distributed by the middle of this month, and the same cards will be used for other foods later.

Coffee rationing will start on February 10.—Reuter.

### CSAKY IN VENICE

Rome, To-day.

Count Csaky, the Hungarian Foreign Minister, arrived in Venice yesterday morning for conversations with Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister.

The talks are expected to begin to-day and according to the Hungarian newspapers will cover the European situation and, in particular, the position of the Danube and the Balkans.

Count Csaky travelled to Venice by special train and was received with marked cordiality by high officials of the Italian Government and the Army.

The station was decorated with the Italian and Hungarian flags.—Reuter.

when he became the prison's reporter, broadcasting daily prison items to 4,100 of the 5,440 inmates over the gaol's elaborate cell-to-cell hook-up.

Warders and officials are badgered for the latest arrivals and departures, as Whitsitt comes and goes, more or less as he pleases. Prison transactions such as swaps are aired for offers, and even complaints and comments on prison routine receive a discreet place.

One front-page item was recently left severely alone. A fortnight ago six men killed a warden in an attempted gaol break, and although the prison buzzed with rumour, the "Radio Gazette" broadcast not a peep.

Said lifer Whitsitt: "I'm no Walter Winchell."

## FORTIFICATION OF U.S. ISLANDS IN THE PACIFIC

Washington, To-day.

THE UNITED STATES will spend nearly £1,000,000 in fortifying islands in the North Pacific, the Navy Department announces. This is the first practical step in carrying out the new American defence programme announced by President Roosevelt on Thursday.

The two islands are Midway Island, about 1,300 miles north-west of Honolulu, and Wake Island, about 1,100 miles still further west.

The U.S. Army also announces that an air base is to be built in Alaska, construction starting immediately, while the Army budget also includes new barracks in Hawaii; work on the Panama Canal; and other coastal defence work.

By the end of the financial year

ending June, 1941, the United States will have spent £450,000,000 on defence. The greater proportion of this will be for naval defences, including two battleships, an aircraft carrier, two cruisers, eight destroyers, eight submarines, five other vessels and 3,000 naval aeroplanes.—Reuter.



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# United States Objects To British Blockade Rigidity

## BELGIAN CABINET RESIGNS

Brussels, To-day. The Belgian Cabinet has resigned and the retiring Prime Minister has been asked by King Leopold to form a new Cabinet. It is expected that the new Cabinet, though on a smaller basis, will retain its present national basis.—Reuter.

## M. PIERLOT ASKED TO FORM NEW CABINET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Brussels, To-day.

M. Pierlot has handed in the collective resignation of the Cabinet. King Leopold has entrusted M. Pierlot with the formation of a new Government.—Havas.



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They talk to the man who is worried by letters from home.

Maybe a few days' leave can be arranged, and this special problem is solved.

"Our whole aim is preventive," a senior M.O. explained to the Associated Press special correspondent with the R.A.F.

"We watch for the slightest signs of mental disturbance or undue nervousness on the part of any man, so that effective treatment may prevent him from becoming a patient.

Many of the medical officers are pilots themselves, and they know just what may trouble individual flyers.

### SCHEME A SUCCESS

They observe particularly the men who have just been engaged in their first flight, those who may have made forced landings due to enemy action, those who have had to make parachute jumps and whose nerves have thus undergone some extra strain.

At the first sign of cracking they approach the commanding officer of the unit.

They recommend that the man concerned should be sent on leave. He may return in a few days or may be invalided back to England.

The Harley-street specialist will return to England to report on the success of the scheme.

Pilots and flying crew have withstood the prolonged period of comparative inactivity since war was declared surprisingly well.

## HONG KONG EXCHANGE FUND

The sixth-monthly statement on the operations of the H.K. Exchange Fund is issued covering the period to June 30, 1939.

It was not found necessary for the Fund to operate in the local exchange market during the period now reviewed.

On 30th June, 1939, the Certificates of Indebtedness outstanding amounted to \$192,121,887 which is equivalent to £11,907,554 @ 1s. 2½d. the middle market rate on that day; the total assets of the Fund amounted to £13,228,195 of which 73.46 per cent. was held in gilt edged sterling securities, 26.44 per cent. on deposit in London at call or short notice and 10 per cent. in silver.

## ACHILLES SAILS FROM BUENOS AIRES

Buenos Aires, To-day. H.M.S. Achilles, commanded by Captain... (text is partially obscured and difficult to read)

Washington, To-day.

THE UNITED STATES Government has warned Great Britain that she will be held responsible for damage resulting from "losses and injuries" if American ships are forced into British control ports.

The State Department yesterday issued the text of a long Note dealing with this matter which has been handed to Lord Lothian, the British Ambassador.

The State Department discloses that the American ship Moormacsun, en route to Bergen, had been taken to Kirkwall, one of the control ports within the area in which American vessels are forbidden to sail under the Neutrality Act.

The State Department adds that since it is a violation of the United States Neutrality Law for American vessels to enter an area of combat, the Department has requested the U.S. Embassy in London to get in touch immediately with the Master of the Moormacsun in order to obtain a full statement on the circumstances as a preliminary to possible action.

The State Department's Note is dated December 14 and is signed by Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State.

### U.S. COOPERATION

It points out that United States shipping companies are voluntarily co-operating with the British authorities, and continues:

"In view of these considerations it is difficult for my Government to foresee as a practical matter any occasion necessitating the entry of American vessels into belligerent ports.

"If, despite these considerations, the British authorities should feel it necessary to compel any American vessel to enter a combat area or any of those belligerent ports which, by the Neutrality Law, they are prohibited from entering, the Government

of the United States will feel it necessary to examine carefully all the facts of the case and take further action as the results of the examination appear to make necessary or expedient."

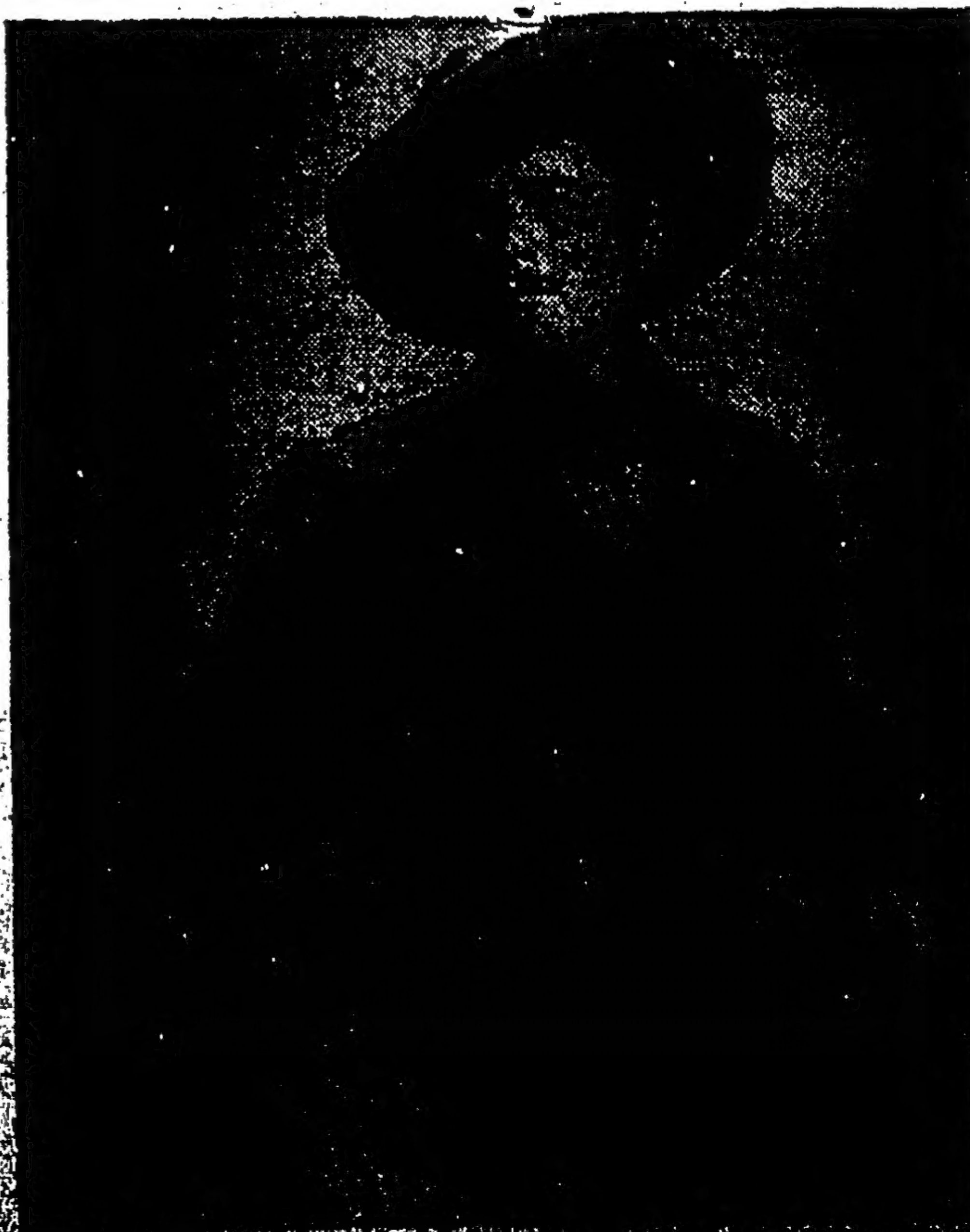
### ALL RIGHTS RESERVED

Affirming that the United States Government reserves all its rights in the matter, Mr. Cordell Hull adds it will be expected that compensation for losses and injuries resulting from infraction of such rights will be made a matter of course.

The Note also expresses the belief that the "spirit of liberality" of United States shipping should be met by a "corresponding degree of accommodation and flexibility on the part of the British Government."

The Note was in reply to a British Note on November 9 in which Britain reserved the right to take United States ships into control ports despite the United States proclamation regarding combat areas.

State Department officials indicate that the term "losses and injuries" included damage due to delay owing to the diversion of an American ship to a British port.—Reuter.





# Potted-Best-Seller Serial: Seventh Day THE HOPKINS MANUSCRIPT

By R. C. SHERRIFF

Who Wrote "Journey's End"

The moon fell into the Atlantic linking Europe and America. Gradually the survivors re-organised government and order. Building the new world began.

ONE morning I was awakened by a steady clanging in the distance, and went down to discover a gang of men repairing the railway. Three days later a luggage train went through: a long, groaning train made up of every conceivable kind of truck.

On another day a lorry came bouncing ponderously down the village street and we went to meet three severe-looking gentlemen in macintoshes, with blue armlets marked "R.M." They were members of the "Reconstruction Ministry" and had come to investigate the future of our village. After inspecting my house they informed me that we were to consider ourselves citizens of Mulcaster. It was our first contact with Government officials and I was relieved when they departed, leaving us in peace.

Summer passed to autumn. The days were surprisingly, often distressingly, hot, accompanied by heavy, tropical rains. My vegetable garden, on which I had worked continually throve prodigiously in the steamy warmth that followed the torrential downpours of that strange summer.

Robin, meanwhile, had made ingenious plans to guarantee fresh food supplies. With large quantities of wire netting he had constructed his own "rabbit farm," which he stocked from the burrows in Widgeley Copse, and by damming the river behind the church he had created his own "fish reservoir."

But the little town of Mulcaster was the mirror through which we watched the steady stride of progress.

Robin had salvaged three old bicycles, and every Saturday we "rode to market," taking with us a bundle of rabbits, a can of fish, and any vegetables I could spare from the garden.

One morning in Mulcaster I was stirred by the sight of a dish of new-laid eggs in the Exchange Market; their price was prohibitive, but through exhaustive inquiry I traced the eggs to an old man who had by some means collected together enough poultry to run a small breeding farm.

I was so excited that I kept missing the pedals of my bicycle as I rode out to his farm, but I returned in triumph with a cockerel!

I felt ashamed to introduce it to my fastidious, blue-blooded old hen. But when at last she presented me with nine mongrel but healthy little chicks I was very pleased at the determination with which she prevented her vulgar little spouse from taking any part in their upbringing.

It was during one of my visits to Mulcaster that the mystery of the Beadle dugout was suddenly and unexpectedly revealed to me.

I had almost given up hope of solving the unhappy disappearance of the Vicar, Sapper Evans, Dr. Hax, and all the villagers.

In vain I had inquired of the people in Mulcaster and scanned the streets for a familiar Beadle face.

But one evening, as I was returning from Mulcaster Market to join Pat and Robin for our journey home, a little woman passed me with an armful of firewood. I realised suddenly that she was a Beadle villager!

The old lady stared at me as if I were a ghost. It was Mrs. Chaplin, wife of a labourer who had lived in a cottage upon the Widgeley road.

In trembling fragments I drew from her the tragic story.

The fatal evening had begun quite well in the Beadle dugout, but towards nine o'clock they had felt "a sort of shudder"; several coffee-cups had fallen over, one or two children had cried.

"The dugout seemed to dip down and come up again," explained Mrs. Chaplin.

It seems that the earthquake had brought a deep fracture to the chalky hillside; a fracture that had distorted the concrete beddings of two of the doorways and forced open wide cracks in the chalk surrounding them.

Some of the people were already asleep, when urgent cries of warning came from the men upon watch. The villagers scrambled from their blankets to find great streams of muddy water gushing down the steps of the two fractured entrances. The tidal wave was upon them.

Desperately the men worked—struggling to block the crevices with blankets and canvas sheets. But one by one they were swept from the stairways by the increasing torrent. The mud upon the dugout floor was around their ankles—around their knees—it crept up to their thighs.

The third entrance to the dugout remained secure, but the upper section of the stairway formed an airlock against the rising water.

Into this airlock Sapper Evans had forced the women and children—forty of them, huddled upon the fifteen steps with one man—Mrs. Chaplin's husband—who understood the mechanism of the door.

There, like the crew of a wrecked submarine, they watched the water creep to the roof of the dugout; listened to the last cries from those below.

Within half an hour the atmosphere upon the steps was unbearable. Chaplin had unbolted and thrown open the door.

In a dream they had seen the pallid sky and the turgid flood receding.

For a while they had lain upon the slimy hillside, powerless to move and powerless to think. The village lay far beneath the tidal wave, but as dawn came they saw the ruined church tower slowly creep to view.

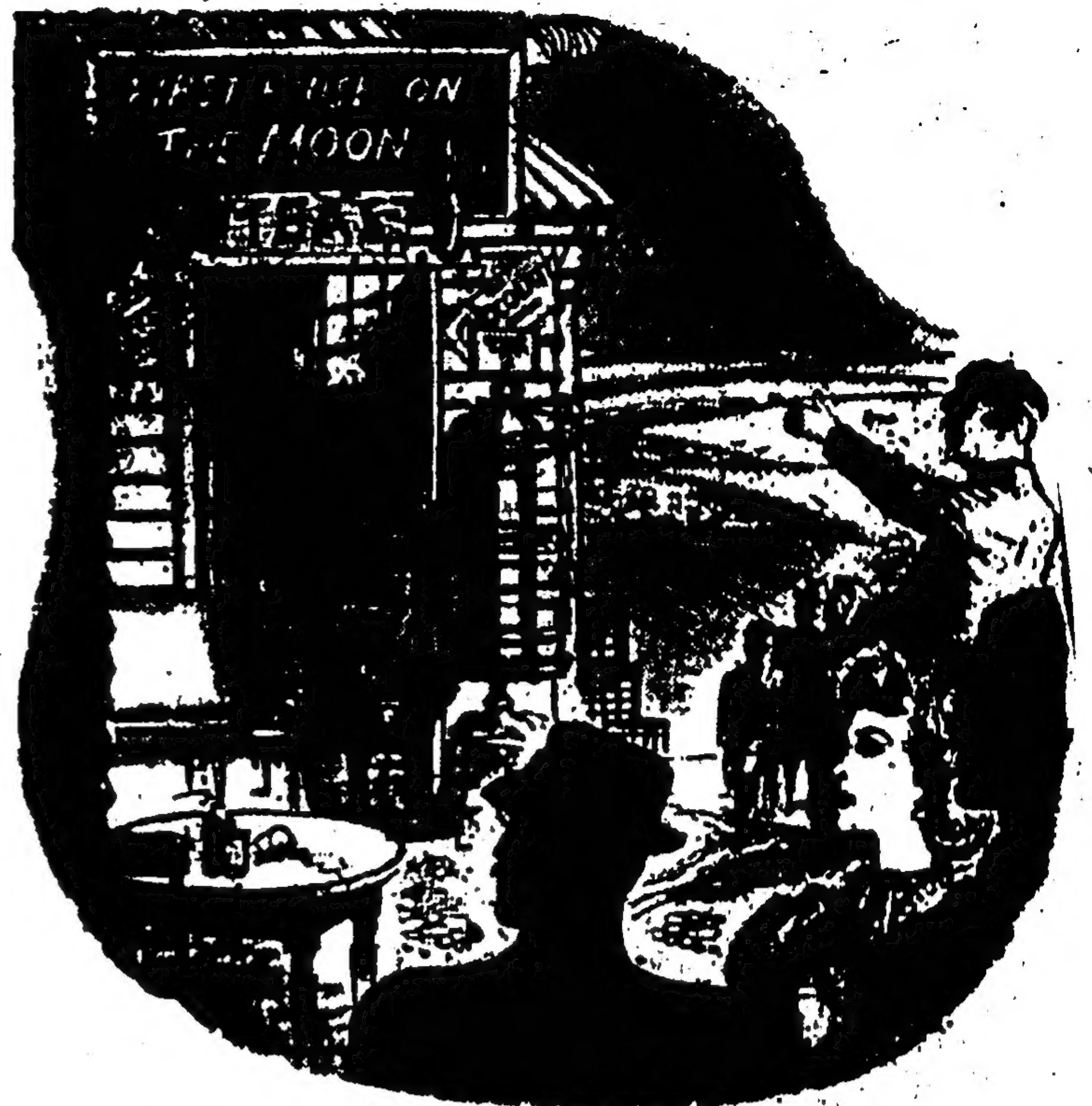
Her husband had tried in vain to open the jammed doors in the hope of finding some one still alive. Then he led his little party of survivors away across the downs and came at last to the ruined town of Widgeley.

Autumn turned to winter. A little petrol was now available and Robin doctored up the old Ford car for our journeys to Mulcaster.

With the beginnings of my new poultry farm the cup of my own contentment was filled, and our household "purse" as well. For in those early days poultry and eggs were worth more than gold.

How gladly I would dwell for the rest of my story upon those happy days—of the spring that came in a blaze of glory and that sunlit summer when progress towards recovery reached its zenith.

In August, 1947, it seemed as if we had cleared the last of the cataclysmic wreckage; the world was ready upon the brink of an even greater epoch in which recovery would give place to creation.



"We were only on the 'fringe' of the moon's broken surface... the edge of an immense slag heap of grey, broken slate stretching as far as we could see... like some gloomy, ghostly continent."

The Government published a magnificent "ten-year plan" for the rebuilding of our cities the laying out of public parks and the reconstruction of public services.

The fashionable thing to do that summer was to take a "trip to the moon." The reorganised railways displayed great enterprise in this respect, for the eastern edge of the moon overlapped Cornwall to within three miles of Penzance. Immediately the railway was sufficiently repaired the authorities announced their "Week-end Excursion to the Moon" that became remarkably popular that summer and autumn. We three were among the first to go.

We went off in high fettle to catch the train at Winchester. It was a long, tiring journey, often at snail's pace over stretches of temporary line, and after spending a night in tents near the ruins of Penzance we were taken over miles of barren fields in a charabanc fitted with "caterpillar wheels" to negotiate the hideously broken countryside.

Yet when at last we arrived the anticlimax was pitiful.

The guide said: "Here we are, ladies and gentlemen," I looked around me in bewilderment. Only after careful study of the barren countryside did I observe that it sloped gently away and steadily upwards towards the west. We were only, of course, upon the "fringe" of the moon's broken surface and all that we saw was what appeared to be the edge of an immense slag-heap of grey, broken slate stretching as far as we could see across the land and far into the distant sea like some gloomy, ghostly continent of primeval times.

I think that the less imaginative members of our excursion expected to see an immense globe towering above them with the familiar face of the moon upon it.

We followed the guide up a twisting, broken path until we came to a small tea shop labelled in large letters: "First House on the Moon."

We bought some picture postcards and a small fragment of the moon upon which was painted a little image of the moon's face as we had once known it.

Around this image was written "What I was," and upon the slaty substance was painted "What it can be."

was an interesting novelty which I determined to keep for Aunt Rose if ever I should see her again.

There was something menacing and sinister in the grey, dreary landscape—or moonscape, I should say—which made me shudder. I went away from it with a strange, indefinable dread: a haunting conviction that the terrors of its arrival were trivial beside the horrors that it held in store for us.

The first hint of impending trouble came to us one autumn night.

During the summer Pat had been laid up with an injured knee, and I had called in a doctor from Mulcaster—a Dr. Cranley. The doctor's son and daughter soon became friendly with Pat and Robin.

One evening in late September Dr. Cranley invited us to dine at his home in Mulcaster, adding that Major Jagger, Parliamentary Representative for Hampshire, would also be his guest.

I shall never forget our journey to Mulcaster that lovely evening.

I thought of this wonderful year that was drawing to its close: this year of striding progress—the peace and gathering prosperity of Europe. All the bitterness and hostility, all the suspicions and racial hatreds that had threatened and darkened the closing years of the old world had gone for ever.

But nothing gave greater cause for satisfaction than the progress and growing renown of my poultry farm. In the old days it was my hobby; to-day it was my profession. My long experience, and, I might say, genius in poultry breeding had enabled me to produce a fine, distinctive strain that was already known throughout all Hampshire as the "Beadle-Hopkins," which was eagerly sought after in Mulcaster Market for breeding purposes and fetched high prices.

I never discovered why Jagger, the Parliamentary Representative, called himself "Major." He had been a Professor of Philosophy at some northern university. At the time of the cataclysm he was writing books, and becoming more and more of a hermit.

"The cataclysm seemed to alter his whole personality," the doctor told me in confidence. "He came to live in Mulcaster. His shyness disappeared, and he never seemed to stop talking—he was full of wonderful ideas—and he was the obvious man to elect as Parliamentary Representative."

And now, for a night, he had returned to Mulcaster in connection with the reconstruction of the town under the "Ten Year Plan."

I can see him now as he entered the hall—

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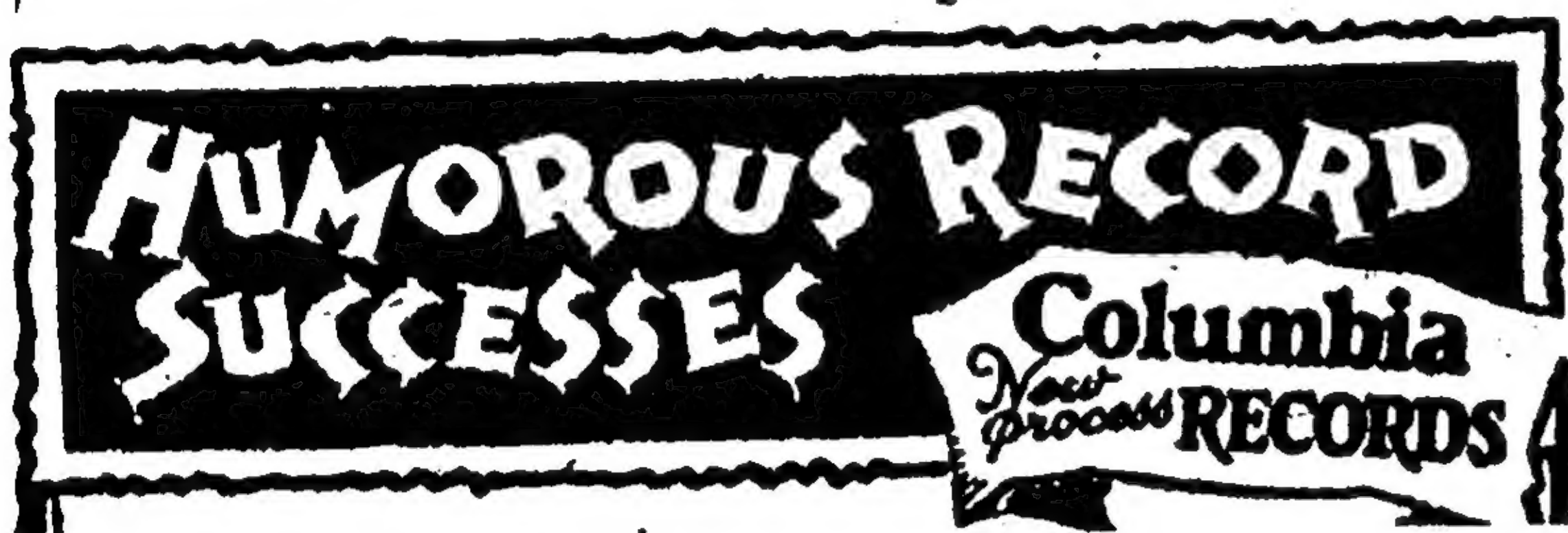
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## MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

### THE FAR EAST

It is right to be preoccupied with the war, but it is not right to be so preoccupied as to forget what we are fighting for. If we say that we are fighting for freedom, the right of people to enjoy an unthreatened life, and respect for treaties and the pledged word, it is not possible to limit these principles by a narrow definition or to confine them to certain countries only. Such terms involve obligations at home and abroad. At home they mean that our own people should acquire larger opportunities of wellbeing; in the "Empire" they involve that we must entrust the Indian peoples with greater powers to manage their own affairs; in the Far East they imply that we must stand by the principles of international fair dealing and good faith to which we have repeatedly pledged ourselves. It is true that owing to our absorption in the European war we cannot be as active politically in the Far East as we might otherwise have been; no one can expect it. But in essentials the situation between Japan, China, and the foreign Powers that are interested in the Far East remains unchanged. The war against China goes on. If Chiang Kai-shek cannot end it, neither can the Japanese. In this predicament they now pin their faith to Wang Ching-wei, a former Premier, whom they hope to install as chief of a "National" Government at Nanking. But this plan still hangs fire. Wang distresses his patrons by showing signs of backbone, Chiang stands firm, and the United States has openly exhibited its disapproval of Japan. — "Manchester Guardian."

### THE FIRST JOB

There are a few "high-minded idealists" and some sinister malcontents who must needs chatter about war aims. The allied objective is to save humanity from the most villainous gang of criminals that ever waded through blood and torture to diabolical power.

The war aims are to save the French and British peoples, the neutrals and mankind in general from the whip, the gun and the concentration camp. To save the children from pollution by the foul creed of Nazism.

We are fighting to preserve Christianity, the Law and the simple right to live decently. Are these aims not enough — or need we apologise for them?

Victory is certain, and when it is achieved, France and Britain will see that the world is made really safe for democracy, and those elements of the German people — we do not doubt there are many — who are ashamed of the Nazi disgrace will be welcome in the federation of Europe, which must come as a matter of evolution.

Until then Britain will adapt the current French phrase, il faut en finir. Let us finish the war. The evil spirit of Hitlerism must be exorcised from Europe or Europe will perish.

Let us be thankful, then, to France, without whose vision, strength and blessed patriotism brutality might have triumphed. Her resurgence is an inevitable part of her immortal glory. — "Daily Mirror."

### JAPAN IN CHINA

The dividend paying stage for Japan in China still is far away, but the ratio of cost over returns is not so enormous as it was a year or two ago. — "The Age."

Japan has demonstrated the possibility of squeezing third power traders out, and, with the start of war in Europe, dropped into an improved position in that connection. But the notice of termination of the American trade treaty and the resulting reopening of the whole case of third power rights has clouded the commercial sky to the point of demanding a scramble for a new set-up. The new year comes with Japan on the spot by virtue of the U. S. action as to the trade treaty. — "Manila Bulletin."

### ABOUT THE BALTIC

When Russia joined the League, the Izvestia proudly declared: "The stronger the power of the Red army grows, the more menacing it will become to the aggressive policy of imperialistic states." How menacing the growth of the Red army has been to the imperialistic states, we don't know yet, but we have seen how dreadfully menacing it has been to the small, helpless states about the Baltic. — "Japan Times."

### IMPORTANCE OF FOREIGN TRADE

The importance of foreign trade in war time is usually conceived of in terms of raw materials alone. This is, in itself, an enormous advantage to have. Unlike Germany, we are not compelled to squander manpower in the production of ersatz materials whose high cost is merely a reflection of the volume of labour that has to be put into them. But by importing we not only avoid additional strain on our manpower at home, we are able actually to import manpower in the shape of finished goods. The purchase of aircraft from North America is only the most spectacular example of imported manpower; the same principle can be applied in a variety of ways. Thus in the last war it was found of advantage to restrict the imports of certain raw materials (e.g. copper ore) and import in their place more finished producers (e.g. refined copper). This has two advantages; less British labour is needed to finish the process of manufacture; and since finished products are less bulky than raw materials, the demand for shipping is less. By the same analogy, it may be desirable to import more meat and less food-stuffs. But any such alteration in the nature of our imports necessarily increases their cost. Increased exports are needed in wartime not merely to pay for raw material but to buy foreign man - power as well. At present there are large supplies of unemployed labour in the British export industries and manufacturing industries overseas capable of selling to us. To take the unemployed in the export trades, transfer them to munition-making, re-train and resettle them, may be a much less economic way of using them than to set them to work at once in their normal trades and buy munitions from abroad. It may be so much more practical in the strategic sense as to be well worth the Government's while to insist by financial assistance, especially since the munition industries are thereby taken out of range of the bomber. — "The Age."

### WITHOUT A DOUBT

I shall not attempt to prophesy whether frenzy will drive Herr Hitler into the worst of crimes; but this I will say without a doubt, that the fate of Holland and Belgium, like that of Poland, Czechoslovakia and Austria, will be decided by the victory of the British Empire and the French Republic. If we are conquered, all will be enslaved, and the United States will be left single-handed to guard the rights of man. If we are not destroyed, all these countries will be rescued and restored to life and freedom. — Mr. Winston Churchill.



# 'PLANES ROARED GREETING TO CANADIANS NAVY BRING THE FIRST BATCH



Joy Hodges, Universal actress, and her new husband, Gilbert Doorly, Omaha newspaper executive, are shown arriving in Hollywood after a flight from Des Moines where they were recently married. The couple will honeymoon in the film colony until Miss Hodges finishes her current role in "Little Accident." Later they plan to fly to Mexico City and other points of interest.

## NEW "RIPPER" TERROR: CAPETOWN WOMEN TERRIFIED

Capetown, December 23.  
Stabbed in the throat, the body of Winifred Cornelissen, young unmarried mother of an eighteen-month-old baby, was found lying in a pool of blood in a lonely Woodstock lane near Capetown, last week.

Crime, sixth in similar circumstances in the past five years, struck terror in the minds of Capetown's frills, who had provided the five previous victims.

In March, 1936, the bodies of Connie Adams and Gertrude Willemburg, stabbed on both sides of the throat, and with clothes half torn off, were found on the Milnerton road within the space of a week; on a nearby beach, the body of another girl was found in like condition.

Three years ago, Madeline Sharkey was killed at a lonely spot, wounded by stabs which had severed her jugular vein. She bled to death in a shallow stream, scrabbling deep into the gravel in her death agony.

Biggest man-hunt in Capetown history followed the discovery, a price of £200 being placed on the killer's head.

Theory of former police chief who probed previous crimes is that the killer is a sailor from a ship calling at Table Bay, who takes revenge on the prostitute class, from one of whom he probably contracted disease.

Another contention is that a sadist afflicted with an insane desire to kill might be living on a lonely farm outside Capetown, descending on the city in search of a victim and returning immediately without leaving a trace.

Yet another theory is put forward by a Capetown psychologist who believes that the crimes have been committed by a Jekyll-and-Hyde character, a man normally of unblemished repute with an occasional secret sadistic lust, who would be appalled on reading details of the crime next day.

London, December 19.

THE FIRST CONTINGENT of Canadian soldiers are now in England. There are several thousands of them, and they arrived with secrecy at a group of western ports.

British ships escorted them there, and 'planes of the Fleet Air Arm dipped and soared overhead in a welcoming salute.

The first shipload — about 1,000 — scrambled ashore with wild whoops and wavings of rifles, were hustled into parade to hear a speech from Mr. Anthony Eden, Dominions Secretary, and this telegram from the King:

"On behalf of the people of this country, I send the warmest welcome to the first contingent of the Canadian Forces to reach these shores.

"The British Army will be proud to have as comrades-in-arms the sons of those who came from Canada in the Great War and fought with a heroism which has never been forgotten.

"George, King and Emperor."

### MANY PARTLY TRAINED

The Canadians greeted their King's message with a cheer, and then dismissed to crowd into the troop trains that took them to their concentration area, where they will continue their training.

At one port people enjoying their firesides heard the Canadians long before the ships reached the quays.

Choruses sung by the men could be heard, and when they rushed to the water front they saw ocean liners coming in escorted by battleships, destroyers, and an aircraft carrier.

One of the greatest feats of the war so far was ending—the safe transport of troops across an ocean.

The total enlistment of the Canadian Expeditionary Force in the last war was 619,636. Of that number 39,488 fell in action.

To-day the same sturdy type of soldier has come to do his bit. Many have had considerable training already in Canada and will complete it under

a Canadian Military Headquarters Staff established in England some time ago.

The man who brought the first contingent is Major-General Andrew McNaughton, 52-year-old soldier-scientist.

Some of them are Mounties, whose job in this war is traffic control. And also among the Canadians' first shiploads was "Sandy" Somerville, the golfer who has won the American and Canadian amateur championships.

Mr. Eden, who stood on the quay with Mr. Vincent Massey, High Commissioner for Canada, spoke to the troops as "one who served beside Canadian comrades in the last war."

### CENSORSHIP

Our unco-ordinated Censorship bewilders its victims once again.

Mr. Churchill, in his broadcast last night, probably quite unwittingly, disclosed to the public news that the newspapers had been forbidden to print.

It was known to The Daily Mail, in common with the rest of the Press, that the first contingent of the Canadian Expeditionary Force had landed in England.

Urgent requests were made by the Censorship—presumably for military reasons—that the news should not be published until later this week.

Mr. Churchill, apparently, was not aware of this when he made his announcement.

### OFF THE RECORD

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## MORE EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS IN TURKEY YESTERDAY

Ankara, To-day.

**TURKEY HAD MORE EARTHQUAKE** shocks yesterday morning, but they were comparatively slight and no further damage was caused. They were felt over a wide area, from Smyrna, on the Aegean Sea, to Kerasun, 500 to 600 miles away on the Black Sea coast.

The Turkish Government is expected to remit the sentences of 50 convicts who were in the earthquake that destroyed a large part of Erzincan, "City of the Dead."

When the gaol collapsed, the convicts made their way out of the ruins of the building, but instead of taking the opportunity to escape, they organised rescue parties and managed to save many lives.

Further flood damage has been caused in southern Anatolia, where the River Tigris has overflowed and submerged a large quarter of a big city.

The latest help for stricken Turkey has been received from the King of Afghanistan and from Australia, of £2,000 and £10,000 respectively. — Reuter.

## BLOCKADE OF GERMANY

Pretoria, To-day.

South Africa's participation in economic measures against Germany was extended by two proclamations issued yesterday.

The first gives a list of enemy firms trading in neutral countries, while the second regulates the searching of merchant ships which left enemy ports after December 4, 1939. — Reuter.

## "KIROV" VERY BADLY DAMAGED

Helsinki, To-day.

A message from Tallinn says that three Russian tug-boats have arrived at Libau towing the damaged Russian warship Kirov.

The Kirov was so badly damaged by Finnish coastal batteries that she will require at least four months to make her seaworthy. — Reuter.

## OPENING OF YANGTSE

Chungking, To-day.

It was reported here last night that the Japanese at Shanghai plan to reopen the Yangtse at the beginning of next month.

Tax will be collected on all goods taken up the river and "customs" stations are being established at various points along the river. — Our Own Correspondent.



Errol Flynn, Olivia De Havilland and Frank McHugh play the leading roles in Warner Bros. "Dodge City," giant epic production in Technicolour which will be shown at the King's Theatre on Saturday.

### Bringing Up Father

By George McManus





## LIVELY INTEREST IN BRITISH GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

London, To-day.

**THE STRENGTH OF British Government securities, which have now mostly attained their highest levels since the outbreak of war, is being followed with considerable interest in City circles.** Some quarters are again citing the strength of gilt-edged securities as indicative of the early issue of a national defence loan, but a canvas of leading banking and Stock Exchange opinion reveals that such a view is held by the minority.

## ANOTHER DATE SET FOR WANG "GOVT."

Shanghai, To-day.

An important conference between Chinese "puppet" officials, including Wang Ching-wei, and high Japanese officials, took place yesterday.

The whole region in west Shanghai under Japanese control, was placed under martial law until the conference ended.

Japanese and Chinese "puppet" spokesmen declined to comment on the nature of the conference. — Our Own Correspondent.

JANUARY FIFTEENTH

Shanghai, To-day.

The date for the inauguration of Wang Ching-wei's "Central Kuomintang Government" is said to have been fixed for January 15.

It is reported that all previous disagreements between Wang's proposed new regime and the Peiping Provisional and Nanking Reformed Governments, have been satisfactorily settled. — Our Own Correspondent.

## GUERRILLAS ACTIVE NEAR PEIPING

Peiping, To-day.

Renewed guerilla activity is reported west of Peiping.

Guerillas raided the Japanese controlled coal mine at Panchiao, in the Western Hills, routing the Chinese guards.

The Japanese despatched reinforcements from Changsintien and fighting is continuing.

Fighting is also reported outside Wanghsiang with regular Chinese troops under General Lu Chung-ling, appointed by the National Government. — Reuter.

## RICE SHOP LOOTING CONTINUES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

DESPITE RIGID ADMINISTRATIVE VIGILANCE RICE PRICES STILL REMAIN TOO HIGH FOR THE POORER CLASS OF CHINESE.

Rice disorders broke out in the Slnza district of the International Settlement last evening when crowds surged from one rice shop to another demanding rice.

Timely police intervention prevented a riot. Thirty arrests were made.

It is pointed out that there are at present a number of factors contributing to the strength of the market.

Firstly, the closure of the new capital market since the outbreak of war has deprived the investor of alternative channels of investment, and hence there is no incentive to sell.

Secondly, the weight of money in the hands of institutions.

It is further pointed out that there is little sign of official support, which would foreshadow the appearance of a new loan.

### LOAN TO BANKS

The opinion is expressed, however, that the authorities might issue a short-term loan to the banks to enable the latter to fund Treasury Bills and provide the finance required up to March 31.

In this connexion, it is believed that £300,000,000 could be easily absorbed, as the banks are over supplied with cash and bills. — Reuter.

### DEMAND CONTINUES

London, To-day.

Gilt-edged securities were sharply higher on the Stock Exchange yesterday on continued good demand from large and small investors.

Indian, Dominion and Colonial issues improved in sympathy, while Kaffirs further strengthened on buying on Johannesburg local account.

Industrial issues were irregular. Wall Street ruled firm yesterday. — Reuter.

## MOBILE COLUMN HOLD DINNER

Over 150 attended the annual dinner of the Mobile Column of Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, Officer Commanding, Major H. G. Williams, last night at Headquarters. Guests of honour were Col. H. B. Rose, Commandant of the Corps, and Hon. Lt.-Col. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, both of whom paid high tribute to the increasing efficiency of the Column, and the latter announcing that he had presented a cup to be competed for by members of the Column at the annual Corps shoot.

Congratulations were extended to 2/Lieut. Stoker and C.S.M. Brett on their recent promotions.

Following the dinner well varied entertainment was provided to the satisfaction of all.

## KWANGTUNG HITS BACK

Shiukwan, To-day.

Chinese forces are in hot pursuit of the Japanese retreating south along the Canton-Hankow Railway, and from Meikong and Sunfeng to the east of the Railway.

Yungyun and Samhwachen are now cleared of Japanese soldiery.

A Chinese column has reached Yuantan, 48 miles north of Canton, while another column has penetrated into the Japanese rear.

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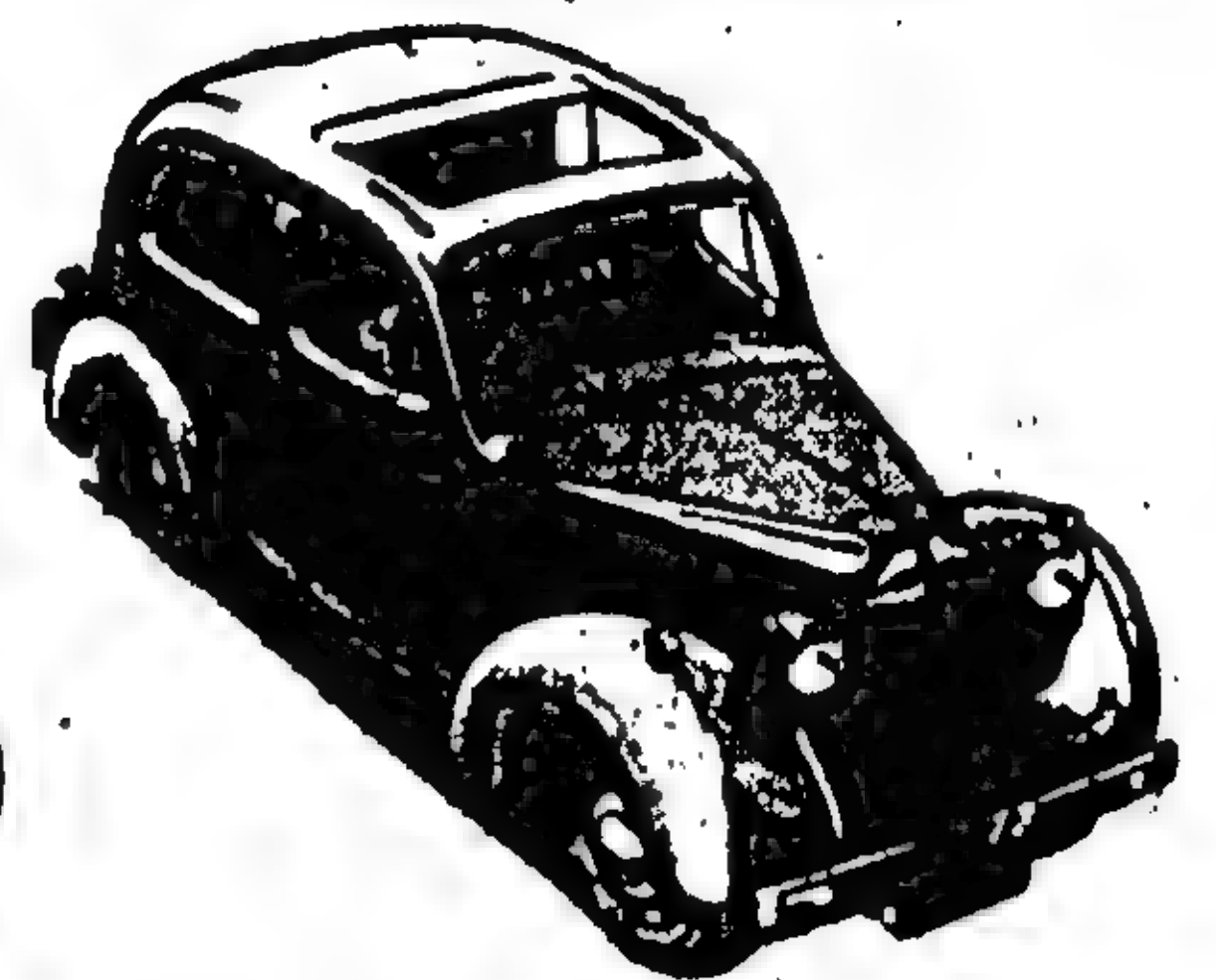
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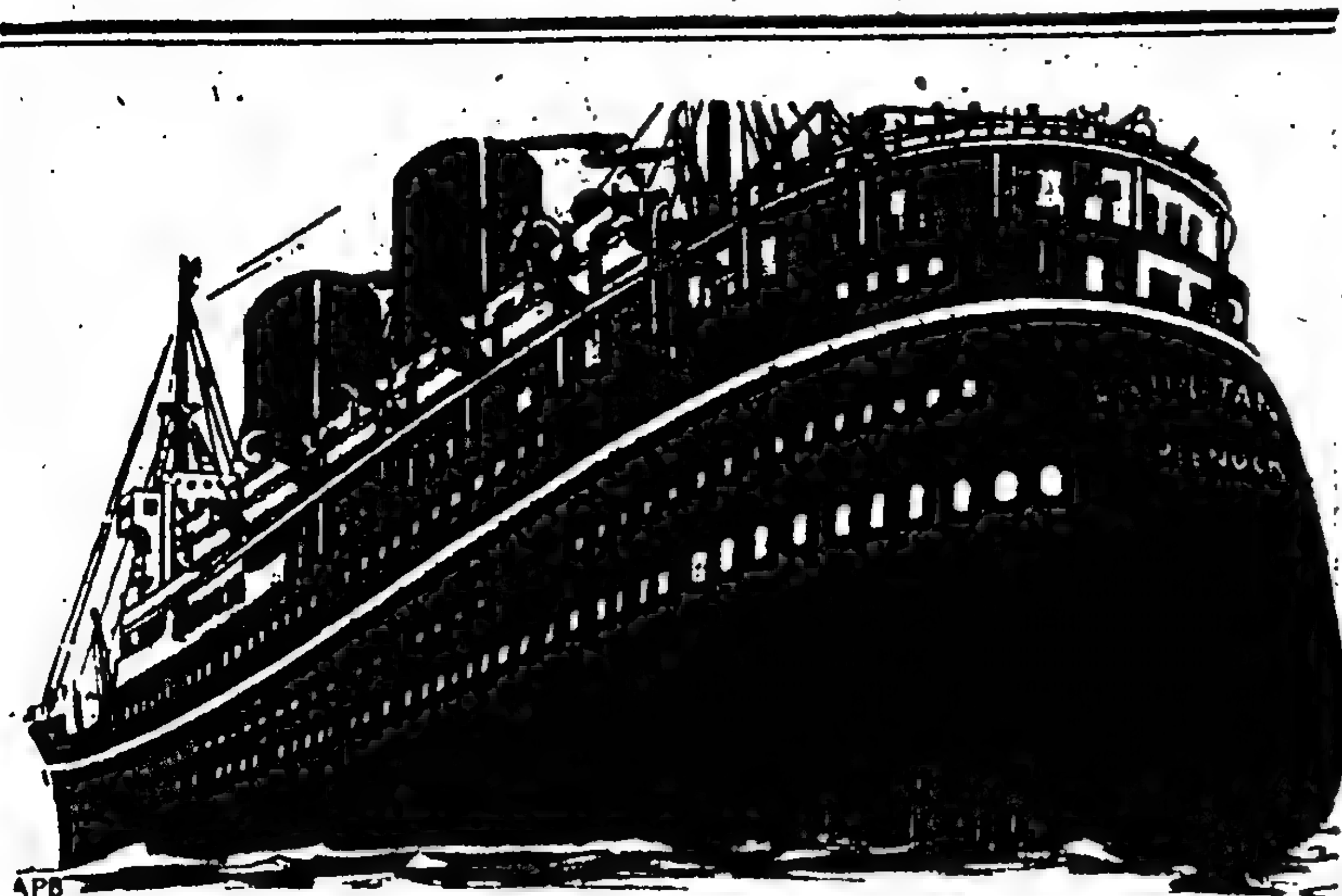
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Straits and Saigon	January 6.
Japan and Shanghai	January 6.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon	January 7.
Saigon	January 7.
Haiphong	January 7.
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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—	
London date, 30th December.	January 8.
Japan	January 8.
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Amoy	January 9.
Shanghai	January 9.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 18th Nov.)	January 9.
Japan and Shanghai	January 9.
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Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 3rd Jan.	January 10.
Manila	January 10.
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Straits		Jan. 6, 12.30 p.m.
Saigon		Jan. 6, 5.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 14th Jan.	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg.,	Jan. 6, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Jan. 6, 5.30 p.m.
SUNDAY		
Haiphong		Jan. 7, 9.00 a.m.
Fort Bayard and Hoihow		Jan. 7, 9.00 a.m.
Amoy and Parcels only for Shanghai		Jan. 7, 9.00 a.m.
MONDAY		
Canton		Jan. 8, 7.15 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan		Jan. 8, 9.00 a.m.
Tourane and Saigon		Jan. 8, 9.30 a.m.
Bangkok		Jan. 8, 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong		Jan. 8, 1.00 p.m.
Fort Bayard		Jan. 8, 2.00 p.m.
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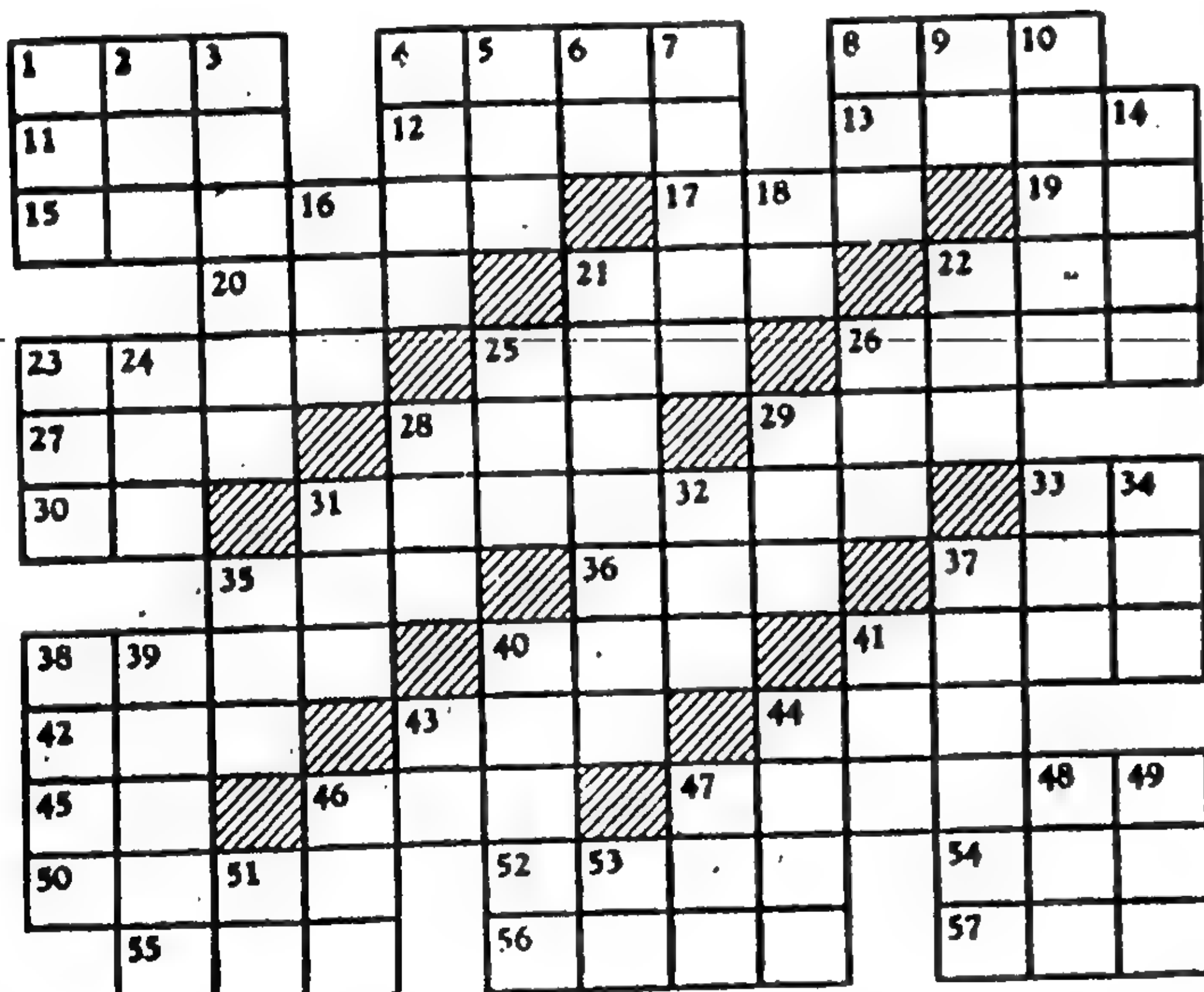
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- 22 Poetic: old time
- 23 Burbot
- 25 Pike-like fish
- 26 Howls
- 27 To join
- 28 Rotating piece
- 29 Fowl
- 30 To depart
- 31 Spotted
- 33 Exceedingly
- 35 Heap
- 36 Principle
- 37 To do wrong
- 38 Plant genus
- 40 To harass
- 41 To urinate
- 43 Cry

### VERTICAL

- 45 Part of "to be"
- 46 Daze
- 47 Spanish dance
- 50 Unsatisfactory
- 52 Russian river
- 54 Earned
- 55 Pheasant brood
- 56 Nobleman
- 57 Affirmative vote

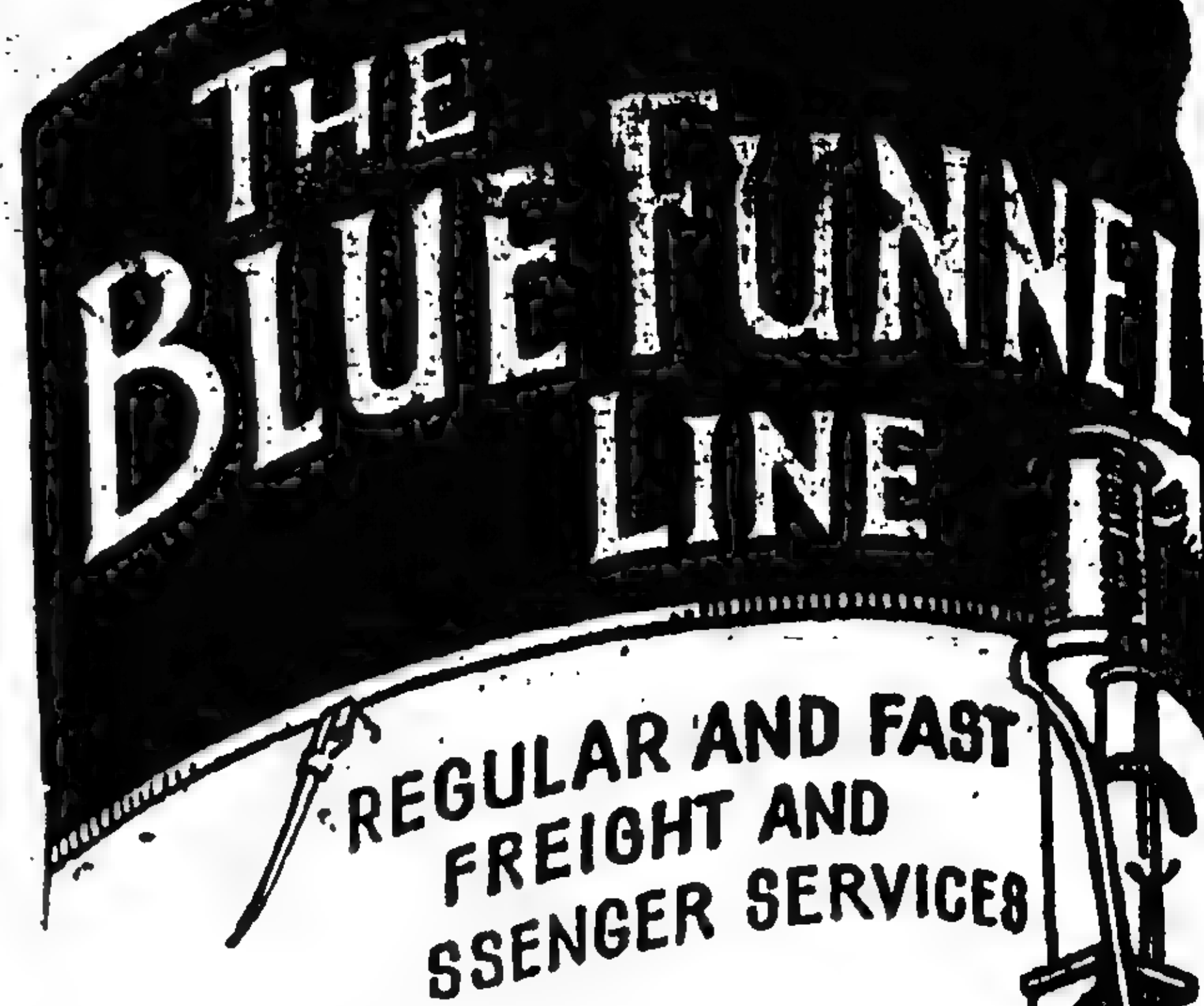
### VERTICAL

- 1 To weary
- 2 Babylonian god
- 3 To summon
- 4 Portal
- 5 To suffer
- 6 Exists
- 7 Conduit
- 8 Small fruit
- 9 Concerning
- 10 Bludgeon
- 14 Assistants

### VERTICAL

- 16 Collection of game
- 18 One
- 21 Piece of needlework
- 22 To bring forth
- 23 Retardation
- 24 Artificial language
- 25 Mountain pass
- 26 Couch
- 28 Cry of crow
- 29 To chop
- 31 Portuguese title
- 32 Careless
- 33 Akin
- 34 Unit
- 35 Silent
- 37 Vigorous
- 38 Lake in Turkestan
- 39 Kind of type
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- 41 To freeze
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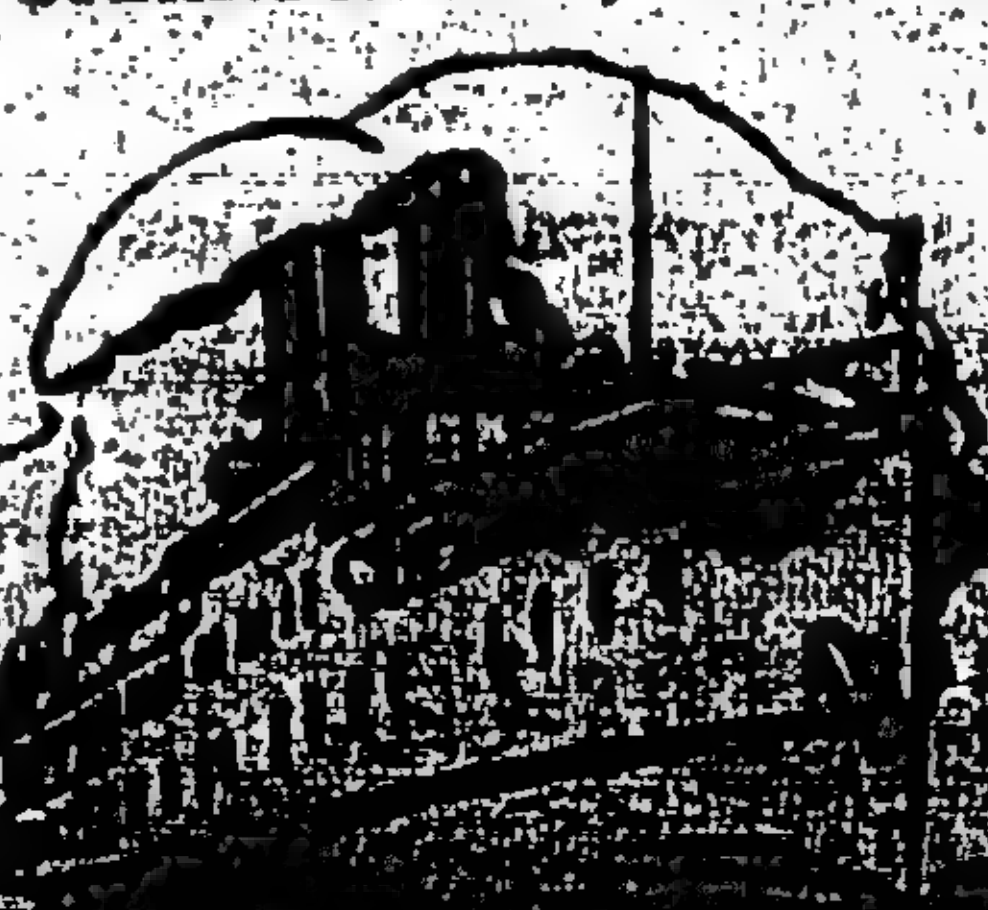
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## THE HOPKINS MANUSCRIPT

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shake my hand: the deathly pale face with its deep-set, burning eyes and the mane of black hair that waved back from the wide furrowed temples.

We were discussing (more, I think, out of compliment to him than for any other reason) the fine achievements of our new Government.

"The cataclysm," I said, "was terrible. But it was almost worth while to have achieved this wonderful spirit of friendship and helpfulness between nations."

For the first time in the evening Major Jagger laughed.

There was a sudden silence. Jagger turned his dark, mocking eyes upon the doctor.

"Do you imagine a cataclysm—or a hundred cataclysms—can change human nature?" he said.

Major Jagger slowly sipped his coffee. He relit his cigar with the deliberation of a man who loves an audience and knows when he has it.

"The Muller-Henderson report is to be published on Monday," he announced.

I sat up and leaned eagerly forward.

In the early spring a well-equipped scientific expedition had left Europe to explore the inland regions of the moon, led by Dr. Muller, the famous Norwegian scientist, and Professor Henderson, of Cambridge University.

"When did they return?" inquired Dr. Cranley.

"In June," replied the Major. "Their report has been before the International Council for nearly four months. I'm afraid there's trouble. Serious trouble."

"Trouble!" I exclaimed. "Why?"

The Major turned to me.

"You are a happy man, Mr. Hopkins. I hope you will remain so."

I was startled—angered by the impudence of it.

"I am pleased to say I am a happy man."

The Major smiled. "You have everything you desire?"

"I have," I retorted. "And I'm proud of it."

He turned from me and shrugged his shoulders. "I wish that you spoke for the rest of the world," he remarked.

Again there was a silence.

"Can you tell us something of the report?" asked Dr. Cranley.

"I can," replied the Major. "There were some 'experts' who declared that the moon would prove to be a dry, destitute mass of rock—dead and useless. Those 'experts' are going to look slightly foolish next week."

He reached for the matches.

"The Muller-Henderson report will announce that the moon is by no means destitute. On the contrary it is immensely, incredibly rich. Rich in oil: rich in gold: rich in radium-bearing rock and rich in coal. The moon contains minerals sufficient to give wealth to this world undreamed of . . . iron—platinum . . . it has all been found . . . analysed and tested."

### MONDAY:

**Deadlock — Over  
The Riches Of  
The Moon**



The saying "The more we have the more we want" simply means our demands are greater than the where-with-all to supply them.

### INTRA-CLUB TENNIS

The following have been selected to play tennis for the Army Members of the Kowloon Cricket Club against the Civilian Members to-morrow:—Capt. A. H. Martin, Lt. E. C. Pope, Lt. E. C. Richards, Sgt. Major M. C. Green, Sgt. Major Taylor, Sgt. Major W. Lock, Q.M.S. Wellwood and C.S.M. Chillice.

Play will commence at 2 p.m. on the Club's new hard courts.

The civilian members will be represented by Messrs. A. Bone, G. W. Giffen, Davey, Hyatt, Joyce, Kloss, Nobbs, Sinton, Smeby and Willcocks.

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18TH BATTERY

Gun Detachments

Tuesday, 9th January. Belchers. 5.30  
p.m. B. C. Staff, No. 1 & No. 2 gun  
detachments & D.R.F. Specialists.  
Battery drill. Dress—Overalls, caps  
and gun platform shoes.

Friday, 12th January. Belchers. 5.30  
p.m. B. C. Staff, No. 3 and No. 4 gun  
detachments and D.R.F. Specialists.  
Battery drill. Dress—Overalls, caps  
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LEWIS GUNNERS

Thursday, 11th Jan. H. Q. 5.30 p.m.  
L. G. instruction. Dress—Overalls and  
caps.

D. E. L. SECTION

Wednesday, 10th January. Wellington  
Barracks. 5.30 p.m. Mobile light  
training. Dress—Overalls and caps.

2ND BATTERY

Wednesday, 10th January. H. Q. 5.30  
p.m. Left Section. Miniature  
Range.

Thursday, 11th January. H. Q. 5.30  
p.m. Right Section and D. E. L. De-  
tachment. Miniature Range.

3RD BATTERY

Monday, 8th January. H. Q. 5.30 p.m.  
All ranks. Rifle & squad drill. Dress—  
Overalls and S. D. caps.

Thursday, 11th January. (i) Gun  
Detachments and Range-takers. Bat-  
tery drill. Belchers. 5.30 p.m. Dress—  
Overalls, S.D. caps and G. P. shoes.  
(ii) L. G. Squad. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Dress  
—Overalls and S. D. caps.

Friday, 12th January. Wellington  
Barracks. 5.30 p.m. Dress—Overalls  
and S. D. caps. D. E. L. Personnel.

4TH BATTERY

Thursday, 11th January. Parade for  
D.E.L. is cancelled.  
The next parade will be on Friday,  
19th January.

5TH BATTERY

Thursday, 11th Jan. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.  
N.C.O.'s only. Parade under R.S.M.  
Monday, 8th January. Queen's Pier  
5.00 p.m. No. 1 Section. Dress—  
Overalls.

Wednesday, 10th January. H. Q. 5.15  
p.m. All officers and N.C.O.'s. Dress—  
Mufti.

Friday, 12th January. Queen's Pier.  
No. 2 Section. Dress—Overalls.

FIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS

Monday, 8th. K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Mus-  
ketry and drill.  
Thursday, 11th. January. K.C.R. 5.30  
p.m. Lecture—New developments in  
demolition technique.

CORPS SIGNALS

Monday, 8th January. H. Q. 5.15 p.m.  
All detachments. Signal training.  
Friday, 12th. January. H. Q. 5.15 p.m.  
All detachments. Signal training.

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Saturday, 6th January. Hung Hom  
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Friday, 12th January. H. Q. 5.30 p.m.  
N.C.O.'s. Class.

NO. 1 COMPANY

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As company programme.

Friday, 12th January. H. Q. 5.30 p.m.  
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NO. 4 PLATOON

Tuesday, 9th January. H. Q. 5.30  
p.m. M. G. training.

Friday, 12th January. H. Q. 5.30  
p.m. M. G. training.

NO. 2 COMPANY

Thursday, 11th January. H. Q. 5.30  
p.m. Company parade.

NO. 3 COMPANY

Monday, 8th January. H. Q. 5.30 p.m.  
Training as in Company circular.

Thursday, 11th Jan. H. Q. 5.30 p.m.  
Training as in Company circular.

Sunday, 14th January. Stonecutters.  
M. G. Part II. Those detailed.

NO. 4 COMPANY

Wednesday, 10th January H. Q. 5.30  
p.m. Company parade. Respirator  
drill.

Friday, 12th January. H. Q. 5.30 p.m.  
L. G. instruction—Lesson 7.

NO. 5 COMPANY

Sunday, 7th January. Stonecutters.  
M. G. Part II. Launch leaves Queen's  
Pier. 8.30 a.m. and Kowloon Police  
Pier 8.40 a.m. Dress—Optional Range  
Officer—As detailed by G. C.

Tuesday, 9th January. H. Q. 5.30  
p.m. (i) Class A. Those who have not  
yet fired Part I. A.M.G. Remainder  
night drill. (ii) Class B. C. Stop-  
page—As detailed by G. C.

NO. 6 COMPANY

Monday, 8th January. H. Q. 5.30 p.m.  
Training as in Company circular.

NO. 7 COMPANY

Monday, 8th January. H. Q. 5.45 p.m.  
Rifle instruction. Miniature Range.

Thursday, 11th January. H. Q. 5.45  
p.m. Aiming instruction. Military  
vocabulary.

ARMY SERVICE CORPS COMPANY

Tuesday, 9th January. H. Q. 5.30  
p.m. Officers and N.C.O.'s.

Thursday, 11th January. H. Q. 5.30  
p.m. Company parade (whole Com-  
pany) Rifle instruction.

FIELD AMBULANCE

Wednesday, 10th January. Murray  
Parade Ground. 5.30 p.m. Dress—Uni-  
form.

Friday, 12th January. (i) All  
N.C.O.'s parade at H. Q. 5.30 p.m. to  
proceed M. I. Room Murray Barracks.  
(ii) Other Ranks, St. Paul's College  
5.30 p.m. Lecture.

PAY SECTION

Friday, 12th January. H. Q. 5.30 p.m.  
APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS  
1671, C. S. M. R. S. Meadows, Corps  
Signals Reserve. Sgt. 7.11.39.

2636, Sgt. F. Brett, Mob. Column  
H. Q. C.S.M. 5.1.40.

2351, A/Sgt. A. H. R. Butcher, No. 4  
Company, Sgt. 5.1.40.

3045, L/Cpl. C. K. Chan, No. 4  
Company, Cpl. 5.1.40.

2882, L/Cpl. K. T. Goh, No. 4  
Company, Cpl. 5.1.40.

2914, L/Cpl. H. S. Lo, No. 4  
Company, Cpl. 5.1.40.

2867, L/Cpl. K. O. Yeung, No. 4  
Company, Cpl. 5.1.40.

3013, L/Cpl. C. F. Chan, No. 4  
Company, Cpl. 5.1.40.

2896, Pte. S. K. Luk, No. 4  
Company, Cpl. 5.1.40.

3068, Pte. H. T. Tam, No. 7. Com-  
pany, L/Cpl. 5.1.40.

3071, Pte. W. Ng, No. 7 Com-  
pany, L/Cpl. 5.1.40.

3072, Pte. I. T. Chan, No. 7 Com-  
pany, L/Cpl. 5.1.40.

3073, Pte. H. C. Li, No. 7 Com-  
pany, L/Cpl. 5.1.40.

3117, Pte. I. C. Pun, No. 7 Com-  
pany, L/Cpl. 5.1.40.

3120, Pte. J. Lee, No. 7 Com-  
pany, L/Cpl. 5.1.40.

3134, Pte. S. K. Tam, No. 7 Com-  
pany, L/Cpl. 5.1.40.

STRENGTH-DECREASE

4067, Pte. A. V. White, No. 3 Coy.  
29.11.39.

1892, Pte. P. C. Morgan, A. S. C.  
Coy. 8.12.39.

868, Sgt. A. Nissim, M. M. G. Pla-  
toon. 14.12.39.

1620, Cpl. R. H. Woodman, No. 1  
Coy. Res. 13.10.39.

STRENGTH-INCREASE

DR112, Pte. J. H. Woodier, Armd.  
C. Platoon. 8.12.39.

DR113, Gnr. H. N. Williamson, 2nd  
Battery, 4.1.40.

E. N. THURSBY,

Captain,

Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

SERGEANTS' MESS MEETING  
NOTICE

There will be a general meeting of  
the Sergeants' Mess in the Lecture  
Room at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday. All  
members of the Sergeants' Mess are  
expected to attend.

AFFILIATED UNIT  
Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.  
LECTURE

The next lecture in First Aid will be  
held on Friday, 12th January at 5.30  
p.m. in St. Johns Cathedral Hall.

PRACTICAL BANDAGING CLASSES

Practical bandaging classes will be  
held on Monday, 15th January at 10.30  
a.m. at Volunteer Headquarters, and  
5.30 p.m. at No. 13 Leighton Hill.  
Transport for the evening class will  
leave Volunteer Headquarters at 5.15  
p.m.

STRENGTH-DECREASE

Mrs. S. K. Polson, Lady Masterton-  
Smith, Miss D. Nicholls, Miss T. V.  
Scott, Miss H. B. Cohen, Mrs. J. Citrin,  
Mrs. F. E. Patey, Mrs. D. Shields,  
Miss H. Bockler, Miss J. Brewin, Miss  
E. M. Ruffo, Miss J. A. Mitchell, Miss  
P. Scotcher, Mrs. E. M. Gomes, Mrs.  
M. Gomes, Miss D. Johnston, Miss S.  
Morales, Mrs. J. Fraser, Miss M. C.  
Smith, Miss C. Bone, Miss M. H. Mac-  
Fayden, Miss M. Fidler, Miss M. L.  
Smith, Mrs. V. M. Cairns, Mrs. R. D.  
Mitchell, Mrs. E. Feild, Mrs. M. Rees,  
Miss G. Swan, Miss I. Williams, Miss  
P. Homer, Miss L. I. Calman, Miss F.  
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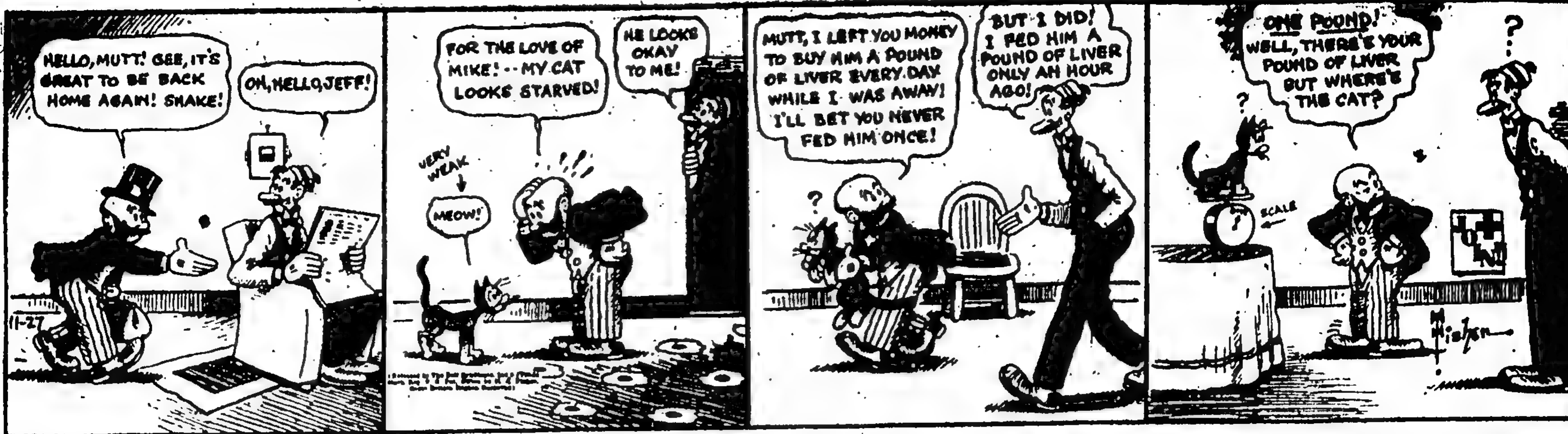
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'Music Hath Charms').  
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.  
Otto Dobrindt and His Piano Symphonists with Bing Crosby (Vocal)  
Slow Fox-Trot—Dance of the Gypsy; Fox-Trot Intermezzo—Quivering Quavers....  
Otto Dobrindt & His Piano Symphonists.  
Pennies from Heaven (from the film); Let's Call a Heart a Heart (film 'Pennies from Heaven')....Bing Crosby (Vocal) with Orchestra.  
Fox-Trot Intermezzo—Sunny Days; Chorus of the Clocks....Otto Dobrindt & His Piano Symphonists.  
Dear Old Girl (Buck, Morse); Just One Word of Consolation (Williams, Lemonier)....Bing Crosby (Vocal) and the Three Cheers with Piano accom.  
Straussiana! (arr. Erich Borschel)....Otto Dobrindt & His Piano Symphonists.

The Penguins....Tommy Dorsey & His Orchestra.  
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Quick Change". Rapid Variety with Artists from the North.  
8.45 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"Money for Nothing". A Sketch.  
9.00 p.m.—Interlude.  
Slow Fox-Trot—The moon remembered but you forgot; Tango—Summer evening in Santa Cruz....Maxwell Stewart's Ballroom Melody.

9.05 p.m.—Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.

9.20 p.m.—Local Sport Results.

9.23 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"Scrapbook for 1900". Presented by Leslie Baily and Charles Brewer.

10.23 p.m.—New Variety.

Piano—Lambeth Walk (after Chopin, Liszt—arr. Rayston); Lambeth Walk (after Verdi, Beethoven, Mozart—arr. Rayston)....Frank Rayston.

Hawaiian Music—Lei E Hula (Noble); Song of the Islands (King)....Mike Hanapi and the Hula Islanders.

Vocal—I'm Happy About The Whole Thing (film 'Naughty but Nice'); Corn Pickin' (film 'Naughty but Nice')....Maxine Sullivan with Orchestra.

Comedian—Knitting (Taylor); The Worm (Woodward & Askey)....Arthur Askey with Orchestra.

Piano—Ballroom Rhythm (Billy Mayerl); The Harp Of The Winds (Billy Mayerl)....Billy Mayerl.

Gipsy Band—The Magic of the Hungarian Puzla; Hungarian Gipsy Party (Cardas Selection)....The Hungarian Gipsy Band.

11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"London 1900".

11.15 p.m.—More of the Latest Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—I'll Always Be In Love With You; Make Believe....Benny Goodman & His Orchestra.

Rumbas—Antillana; International Rumba....Lecuna Cuban Boys.

Fox-Trots—It Had To Be You; I Can't Believe That You're In Love With Me....Artie Shaw & His Orchestra.

Waltz—I Paid For The Lie That I Told You; Slow Fox-Trot—What Shall I Say?....Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orch.

Fox-Trot—True Love; Rumba Fox-Trot—The Peanut Vendor....Don Asplund & His Havana Casino.

Quickstep—Sing A Song Of Sunbeams (film 'Eastside of Heaven'); Slow Fox-Trot—Heaven Can Wait....Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra.

Rumba Fox-Trots—Mama Ines; Lady, Play Your Mandolin....Havana Novelty Orchestra.

12.00 midnight.—CLOSE DOWN.



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FOILING AN END-PLAY

When we first started to play Bridge many years ago, we always listened with awe when some unusually learned person spoke of end-plays. Nowadays when a Declarer fails to execute a possible end-play, he is considered to have "thrown" the hand. However, to thwart an end-play is still considered quite a feat, and we therefore accord due credit to West for his defence in to-day's hand.

had to discard three spades, thereby blanking his King. The Ace of diamonds was then played, and when East showed out, South decided that West must have the high diamond and two spades. Declarer therefore played dummy's remaining diamond, confidently expecting that West would then have to lead into his Ace-Queen of spades. Now West gleefully cashed his concealed heart to set the contract.

North, Dealer  
Neither side vulnerable

North's hand: ♠ 4, ♥ 8 6 5 3, ♦ A K 10 9, ♣ A J 10 2.  
South's hand: ♠ J 8 5, ♥ 10 7 4, ♦ J 3, ♣ Q 8 7 6 3.  
West's hand: ♠ A Q 7 6 2, ♥ A K, ♦ 8 5 3, ♣ K 9 4.

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass  
2♣ Pass 3NT Pass  
Pass Pass

West opened a low heart. East played the ten and South the King. Declarer next finessed for the club Queen. East won and returned a heart. Next South led a diamond and finessed dummy's nine. East winning with the Jack. East now played his remaining heart and West false-carded by playing the Queen for he wished to create

the impression that he had led from a three-card suit.

Obtaining the Jack of hearts, West started to a diamond, the King being held. Declarer now proceeded to cash three club tricks on which West

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and held:

North's hand: ♠ J 3, ♥ A K 5 4 3, ♦ 10 7 6 3, ♣ A 9.

The bidding:  
Jacoby Schenken You Maier  
1♣ Pass 1♥ 1♠  
2♣ Pass (7)

ANSWER: This hand presents one of the most difficult problems we have ever seen. Your correct bid is three clubs. This will encourage your partner to bid three notrump if he has a spade stopper.

Score 100% for three clubs, 80% for three hearts (the second-best bid), 40% for two hearts (an underbid).

QUESTION NO. 301

To-day you are Merwin Maier's partner and hold:

North's hand: ♠ A 7 5 3 2, ♥ 8 4 3, ♦ 9 8 5 3.  
The bidding:  
Burnstone You Schenken Maier  
1♠ Pass 2♥ Pass  
3♥ Pass 4♠ Pass  
5♠ Pass 6♠ Pass  
Pass Pass

What do you lead? (Answer: 4♠)

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# Important Soccer Matches

## SOUTH CHINA FACE BIG PROGRAMME

(By "REFEREE")

Games which will have important bearing on all three divisions of Hong Kong Football League will be played this week-end, and, curiously enough, South China is figuring in all these games.

In First Division to-morrow, South China "A" meet Eastern on Club ground; while to-day South China and Eastern, leaders of the "A" section of Second Division, clash on Club ground. The third important game is on Sunday when International encounter South China in the Third Division.

Another important game arranged for to-day is the Gunners' "derby" at Stanley between 30th R.A. and 8th R.A. Both are high up in the League table.

For their First Division game South China "A" will be strengthened by the return of Lau Tau-man and Fung King-cheong while Eastern will include Kong Sing-seng and Ng Kee-cheong in their line up.

## LADIES' HOCKEY RESUMES

After a lull, due to the Christmas holidays, Ladies League hockey will resume in earnest this afternoon when a full programme of matches will be played in both divisions.

"Y" Ladies meet Recreio but will be without the services of Miss C. Minot, their goalkeeper, who is giving up the game, and Mrs. S. Gardner who has left on holiday for Japan. Mrs. Trimmer, full back of the Junior team, will be seen in goal and Miss V. Bradbury at inside left.

Hong Kong Ladies, who play their first League match at the Valley this season, will be represented by a strong side, which will include most of the mainstays of last season. They are playing C.B.S.

The following is to-day's programme and some of the teams:

### SENIOR

C.B.A.—D. Squire, Mrs. Wilnot, Miss B. Parson, Miss P. Everest, Miss I. Woolley, Miss A. Smith, Miss M. Grimmit, Mrs. M. White, Miss P. Whitley, Miss D. Moss and Mrs. M. Quick.

RECREIO—Miss Z. Barros; Mrs. M. Silva and Miss O. Botelho; Mrs. A. Remedios, Miss P. Goncalves and Mrs. R. Silva; Miss B. A. Remedios, Miss M. Roza, Miss C. Silva, Miss A. Alves and Miss C. Remedios.

"Y" LADIES—Mrs. Trimmer; Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Strange; Miss M. McCaw, Mrs. Starbuck and Miss Pocock; Mrs. Burnett, Miss Harker, Miss D. McCaw, Miss Bradbury and Miss Buchanan.

H.K. LADIES—Mrs. Lunson; Miss Gray and Miss Sleep; Miss Weller, Miss J. Booker and Miss Watson; Miss Marr, Mrs. Skinner, Miss M. Booker, Mrs. Dalziel and Miss Purves.

C.B.S.—Miss J. MacFadyen; Miss Goodwin; Miss Horwood, Miss S. Rousseau, Miss P. Kirby, Miss J. Kew; Miss E. Watson, Miss J. Bradbury, Miss J. Moss, Miss M. Shand and Miss Beraha.

ST. ANDREW'S—Miss June Hall; Miss G. White and Miss M. da Roza; Miss Stella West, Miss J. Wong and Miss B. Greaves; Miss F. Wong, Miss M. Churn, Mrs. P. Bliss, Miss H. Reid and Miss Stella Roberts.

### JUNIOR

C.B.S.—Miss P. Loseby; Miss V. Moss and Miss J. Tinson; Miss J. Burroughs, Miss Bonney, Miss A. Nash; Miss M. Meffan, Miss J. Stokes, Miss M. McFarlane and Miss E. Rousseau.

C.B.A.—Mrs. M. Mackay, Mrs. M. Ramsay, Miss E. Lihovetsky, Mrs. J. Crawford, Miss T. Baxter, Miss I. Woolley, Miss S. Grimmit, Miss E. Hunt, Miss J. Cashier, Miss M. Douglas and Miss A. Smith.

RECREIO—Miss C. Silva, Miss M. Ribeiro, Miss T. Goncalves, Miss M. Silva, Miss O. Osmund, Miss V. Carvalho, Miss M. Figueido, Miss L. Rodrigues, M. Campos, M. Goncalves and I. Rotario.

ARGONAUTS—Miss S. Silva; Miss I. Xavier and Miss B. Xavier; Miss L. Bequeira, Miss N. Silva and Miss C. Castilho; Miss I. Mathias, Miss M. Xavier, Miss C. Xavier, Miss M. Maxwell and Miss C. Marques.

### CAER CLARK CUP

H.K. Ladies v C.B.S. (Happy Valley, 3.15 p.m.)

C.B.A. v St. Andrew's (C.B.A., 3.00 p.m.)

Recreio v "Y" Ladies (Recreio, 3.00 p.m.)

### BROWN CUP

D.G.S. v C.B.A. (D.G.S., 3.00 p.m.)

St. Andrew's v Recreio (C.B.A., 4.00 p.m.)

Argonauts v Recreio (C.B.A., 4.00 p.m.)

### IMPORTANT FACTOR

Gate receipts seem to play an important part in local football and the senior shield replay between Club and Royal Scots has been postponed so that the latter team may reap the benefit of their game with South China "B".

Club will now meet Kowloon and in view of the improved form of the former team a good game should be seen. Kowloon will be without the services of Ulrich, who was injured last week and will probably be out of soccer for some time.

South China "B", against Royal Scots, will be strengthened by the inclusion of Lee Shek-yau but are not expected to beat the soldiers.

At Boundary Street Police are at home to Middlesex and if Sheehan returns to the team the "Diehards" should collect both points.

Aided by B. Gosano St. Joseph's may garner two much-needed points from Navy at Caroline Hill.

### PROGRAMME TO-DAY

#### FIRST DIVISION

Club v Kowloon (Club at 4.00 p.m.)  
Police v Middlesex (Boundary Road at 4.00 p.m.)  
Royal Scots v South China "B" (Sookunpoo at 4.00 p.m.)  
St. Joseph v Navy (Caroline Hill at 4.00 p.m.)

#### SECOND DIVISION "A"

Kit Che v Club (Caroline Hill at 2.30 p.m.)  
R.A.O.C. v 5th R.A. (Sookunpoo at 2.30 p.m.)  
30th R.A. v 8th R.A. (Stanley at 2.30 p.m.)  
Eastern v South China (Club at 2.30 p.m.)

#### SECOND DIVISION "B"

Kwang Wah v University (Kowloon at 2.30 p.m.)  
Engineer v Kowloon (Military at 2.30 p.m.)  
Signals v R.A.F. (Military at 4.00 p.m.)  
Police v Royal Scots (Boundary Road at 2.30 p.m.)

#### THIRD DIVISION

Royal Scots v 5th R.A. (St. Joseph at 2.30 p.m.)  
R.A.S.C. v Kumaons (St. Joseph at 4.00 p.m.)  
12th R.A. v Electric (Stanley at 4.00 p.m.)

## GRAPHIC GOLE



KEEN COMPETITION KEPT UP HAGEN'S PLAY. INSPIRED HIM TO MAKE BRILLIANT SHOTS.

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## HAGEN'S PLAY

By BEST BALL

It is doubtful whether Walter Hagen could be catalogued as either a phlegmatic or nervous type of golfer. Undoubtedly most players belong in the later category and the stress of competition reacts either favourably or unfavourably on their play. If the pressure inspires their play, they are quite likely to score lower than usually. On the other hand, there are golfers whose game or temperament cannot stand the pressure and their scores show it. It might be said however that their swings are not fundamentally sound and the increased tension has magnified these faults.

While Hagen was hardly the nervous type (he had the capacity of remaining cool at all times) it is true that when the play was exciting he could rise to unbelievable golf heights. Apparently no shot was too difficult for him to essay. An example is illustrated above. His ball was lying in heavy grass on the sheer side of a bunker, which incidentally also had a steep opposite bank. To add to the trouble the hole was near the edge of the other side so that a powerfully hit ball, which would clear the other side would sail far past the green. Hagen settled the situation and the hole by driving directly into the opposite bank and letting the ball bound up and over the top to a position near the cup.

Monday. — For More Distance

## LADIES' TENNIS SEMI-FINALS

The Colony Ladies' tennis championships are reaching the concluding stages and the two semi-finals in the singles event will be played this afternoon.

In both these games, tried and experienced players will meet comparative newcomers to local tournaments and even if they do not win this afternoon, the youthful hopefuls will not fail for want of trying.

Starting at 3 p.m. Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu, who last year won the doubles in partnership with Mrs. Williams, will meet Miss J. Reeve, a fast-developing player, and Mrs. Enid Litton, former champion, will meet Miss M. Stokes, of Kowloon Cricket Club.

Although they may be extended, there seems to be little doubt that the two C.R.C. players will enter the final.

The doubles semi-final will be played to-morrow week.

### TO-MORROW

#### FIRST DIVISION

Eastern v South China "A" (Club at 4.00 p.m.)

#### THIRD DIVISION

International v South China (Sookunpoo at 2.30 p.m.)  
Signals v 24th R.A. (Club at 2.30 p.m.)

## TO-DAY'S RUGBY

(By "SCRUM HALF")

The Navy team to meet Army in the last Triangular Rugby Tournament match of the season, to be played at Causeway Bay to-day at 4 p.m., shows four changes from that which unexpectedly accounted for Club last Saturday.

Waddington is at full-back in place of Bax, Drury has been replaced by Kennedy at wing three-quarter, and Taylor and Gale are the wing forwards instead of Pearce and McCann.

This game will decide who will hold the wooden-spoon, and if Navy reveal last Saturday's form Army look like "winning" it. Army are likely to be without Skipworth, who has again damaged his knee, and both May and Beddow may be absentees.

At 2.45 p.m. Club meet Police and a good game is expected as Police, despite the fact Club are practically at full strength, are confident of not only extending Club but also of beating them.

Club are without Bidwell, Thomson and Heasman as the result of injuries, and Needham is unavailable. They will also miss Godfrey, who has been surprisingly passed over.

I favour Club to win by at least 10 points as they are better equipped all round, but you can never tell with Police, who are the keenest team playing to-day.

Following are the teams:

NAVY—Cpl. Waddington; Tel. Bowden, Tel. Paul, Pay Lieutenant Stevens and Sub Lieutenant Kennedy; Lieutenant Carter and Lieutenant Commander Clark; Leading Writer Barlow; Lieutenant (E.) Brown, U.S.A. Palmer; Chief Writer King, Leading Writer Ferris; Fl. Lieut. Taylor, Pay Lieutenant Charles and L.A.C. Gale.

ARMY—L/Cpl. Picton R.E.; L/Bdr. Richards R.A.; L/Cpl. Waite R.E., Sgt. Lang R.A.O.C. and Lieut. Skipworth R.A.; Capt. Hook R.A. and Lieut. May D.I.L.; Lieut. Hewitt M.R. R.; L/Cpl. Beddow D.I.L.; Corp. Guthrie R.S.; Pls. Perry M.R. R.; Lieut. Pinkerton R.S.; Capt. Duke R.A.; Lieut. Cuthbertson R.S. and Lieut. Riddell R.N. Regt.

Reserves—Supt. Arthington R.E.; L/Cpl. Bos R.S.; Sgt. Page R.A. and L/Bdr. Evans R.A.

CLUB—Thompson, Bonquet, Clark, Althorpe and Stanger; Crawford and Ferguson; Burford, Castellan, Walker, Wynn, Bompas, Taylor, Kennedy and Deane.

POLICE—Wall, Reynolds, Pay, Williams, Taylor, Latta and Llewellyn; Wynn, Cuthbert, Smith, Smith, Jackson, Dempsey, Riddell and Jones.

Reserves—Bos and Arthington.

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### BADMINTON LEAGUE MIXED DOUBLES

	Games	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Recreio "A"	3	3	0	20	7	6	
University	2	2	0	15	3	4	
St. John's	3	2	1	17	10	4	
Recreio "B"	4	2	2	25	11	4	
K.C.C.	3	0	3	3	24	0	
Talkoo	3	0	3	1	26	0	

## RECREIO "B" WIN EASILY

Only one Mixed League badminton match was played yesterday, Recreio "B" having the easiest possible victory over Kowloon Cricket Club.

J. L. Anderson played for K.C.C. in place of A. L. Fisher, while N. A. Beltrao took the place of L. A. Carvalho in the Recreio team.

H. F. Gonsalves and Miss M. Xavier (Recreio "B").

beat J. L. Anderson and Miss M. Stokes ..... 21-11  
beat Mr. and Mrs. Kevan .... 21-6  
beat P. Wynter-Blyth and Miss Harker ..... 21-14

# JUNIOR CRICKET LEAGUE STARTS THIS AFTERNOON

(By "ADREM")

Although it has not definitely been established that the Cricket League will carry on this season, junior matches on the card for this afternoon will be treated as such until a decision is arrived at.

Four matches are down for to-day, but, as I understand that R.A.F. have withdrawn from the League owing to the closing of the Navy ground in King's Park which they were to have shared, their game with Police this afternoon will probably be played at the Valley as a friendly.

Kowloon Cricket Club, the champions, will be opposed to Indian Recreation Club at Cox's Road, and, notwithstanding the return

in the course of the week of J. R. Luke and W. L. McKenzie, these two players have not been included in the side. The champions' balance should carry them through to their first win.

#### GOOD MATCH

Probably the finest match on the programme will be that at Chater Road, where H.K.C.C. 2nd XI entertain Army. Both teams selected are very powerful and I cannot see how there can be other than a draw.

Club's bowling, with W. Stoker, D. S. Robb, D. O. Parsons and G. E. R. Divett looks pretty useful and they will be further assisted by J. H. Fox, of the first eleven, who is 'keeping for them.

Army also have a fairly strong attack and solid batting so a draw appears to be the most likely result.

I have been able to obtain neither the Civil Service nor the Recreio teams but having regard to the fine form shown by the latter, they should win.

There will be two friendly senior matches, while an intra-club game will be played at Craigengower.

Following is the programme and some of the teams:—

#### PROGRAMME

First Division (Friendly)  
C. S. C. C. v Recreio  
I. R. C. v Club

#### Second Division (League)

Recreio v C. S. C. C.  
K. C. C. v I. R. C.  
H. K. C. C. v Army  
R. A. F. v Police

#### JUNIOR

K.C.C. 2nd XI—W. Mulcahy, S. A. Gray, F. J. Lay, R. Baldwin, E. Curtis, R. A. J. Simpson, G. A. Goodban, G. E. Taylor, C. Pope, G. A. V. Hall and A. N. Other.  
Army "B"—Capt. J. F. Lawrence (captain), Brig. T. MacLeod, Major J. E. Swyer, Capt. A. B. Whatman, Lieut. A. W. F. Peal, Lieut. B. A. Fergus, Q. M. S. Patterson, S/Sgt. Gardner, L/Sgt. Chaplin, L/Sgt. Dilnot, Spr. Bailey.

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**PARTICULARS OF THE LOT**

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2759.	Adjoining New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2661, Castle Peak Road.	n.	n.	n.	n.	About 6,720	\$82	\$6,720
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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
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## DUTCH FIRE ON FOREIGN PLANES

The Hague, To-day.  
Anti-aircraft batteries fired on foreign planes which flew over Utrecht province yesterday. The planes made off when Dutch pursuit machines went up. —Reuter.

## SOVIETS ROUTED AT SALLA

London, To-day.

All reports from Finland indicate that the intensive fighting north of Salla, on the Central Front, promises to give the Finns another great victory over the Soviets.

Copenhagen reports that the Soviets have been routed after two days of intense fighting, while the Danish newspaper "Berlingske Tidende" says that the Finns have recaptured Salla itself.

In the south, the temperature is now "thirty below zero," and attacks have stopped. Soviet artillery is heavily shelling the Mannerheim Line. —Reuter.

### SOVIET INVADED

London, To-day.  
Finnish troops have penetrated from

## LEAP IN COLONY'S SURPLUS BALANCE

A jump in the Colony's surplus balance to over \$17,000,000 is shown in the statement of finances to October 31 published to-day.

The exact total on that date was \$17,285,669, October itself having shown a surplus of nearly \$1,300,000.

Duties during the month were returned at \$1,280,869 as against \$821,388 in October last year; licences and other internal revenue produced \$200,000 more; the Post Office \$50,000 more and miscellaneous receipts some \$160,000 more.

Revenue for the month totalled \$4,479,810 against \$3,389,635 in October last year.

Since the beginning of the year, actual revenue at \$34,775,227 was \$4,000,000 higher than in the comparable period of 1938, and the total is only \$500,000 short of the original estimate for the whole year.

Expenditure was \$400,000 higher than last year, chiefly accountable to the H.K.N.V.F. and A.R.P.

10 to 15 miles into Russian territory in the direction of Rapola, according to the spokesman of the Finnish Legation in London.

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Shanghai, To-day.

An unsuccessful attempt was made this morning on the life of Mr. Godfrey Phillips, the British Secretary-General of the Shanghai Municipal Council.

The attempt was staged shortly before 9 a.m. when Mr. Phillips was driving to office from his home.

His car was passing two Chinese in rickshaws waiting on the side of the road when they opened fire with pistols. The bullets appear to have missed the car and nobody was hit. The assailants escaped. — Reuter.

Kwelin, To-day.

Japanese troops on the Nanning-Yamchow highway have sustained heavy losses.

Pumiao and Napien, two vantage points on the highway, have been recaptured. The Japanese launched a counter-offensive yesterday but were repulsed.

Twelve field guns and eight anti-tank guns, buried by the Japanese in their retreat, were found by the Chinese at the Kunlun-kwan Pass on the Nanning-Pinyang highway yesterday.—Central News.



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